

## Gear left in Iraq but needed in Afghanistan

By ERNESTO LONDONO  
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BAGHDAD — Even as the U.S. military scrambles to support a troop surge in Afghanistan, it is donating passenger vehicles, generators and other equipment worth tens of millions of dollars to the Iraqi government.

Under new authorities granted by the Pentagon, U.S. commanders in Iraq may now donate to the Iraqis up to \$30 million worth of equipment from each facility they leave, up from the \$2 million cap established when the guidelines were first set in 2005. The new cap applies at scores of posts that the U.S. military is expected to leave in coming months as it scales back its presence from about 280 facilities to six large bases and a few small ones by the end of next summer.

Some of the material that commanders may now leave behind, including passenger vehicles and generators, are among what commanders in Afghanistan need most urgently, according to Pentagon memos.

Officials involved say the approach has triggered arguments in the Pentagon over whether the effort to leave Iraqis adequately equipped is hurting the buildup in Afghanistan. Officials in the U.S. Central Command, which oversees both wars, have balked at some proposed handovers, and previously rejected an approach that would have granted base commanders even greater leeway.

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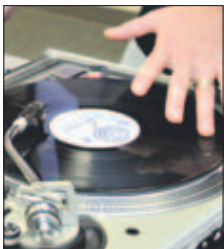
Under new rules, any item less than **\$1M** in value may be left behind at the base commander's discretion, for a total value of up to **\$30M**



## IRAN ERUPTS AGAIN

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A pro-reform Iranian student removes his mask after a confrontation Monday with security forces outside Tehran University in Iran. Thousands of students, seeking to continue the opposition movement triggered by the disputed June presidential elections, staged protests at a dozen campuses around the country.



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## Corruption study finds \$10M is leaving Kabul airport daily

By TONY PERRY  
*Los Angeles Times*

KABUL — An estimated \$10 million a day is smuggled out of Kabul International Airport in Afghanistan, rather than through secret routes over the mountains or across the desert, the country's minister of finance said Sunday.

The amount of corruption, by public officials and officials of private companies, makes Finance Minister Omar Zakhilwal embarrassed to acknowledge while traveling that he is an Af-

ghan, he says.  
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"Corruption is a stronger threat than terrorism for Afghanistan," said Zakhilwal, who was appointed in February and is the top financial adviser to President Hamid Karzai. "It is a cancer, a disease. It has destroyed the reputation of Afghanistan."

The \$10 million figure comes from a 19-day U.S. study that estimated \$190 million left the airport undetected during that

period, said Zakhilwal as well as U.S. officials. No similar study was done for the international airport at Kandahar. Much of the cash ends up funding the Taliban insurgency, U.S. and Afghan officials said.

Zakhilwal's comments were some of the most candid to date about the size and nature of corruption under the government of Karzai.

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"I'm not a music critic, nor historian, nor archivist. But I am from New Jersey. And so I can tell you what I believe. ... I believe that Bob Dylan and James Brown had a baby."

— Comedian Jon Stewart, in a tribute to Bruce Springsteen at the Kennedy Center Honors

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## Air Force nixes new tattoo policy

By WARREN PEACE  
Stars and Stripes

STUTT GART, Germany — The Air Force has scrapped a 2-week-old policy that prohibited recruits from having a tattoo on their right arm, and leaders are now conducting a review of the service's personal-appearance regulations.

Under the policy released Nov. 25, potential recruits could not enter the service if they had a tattoo on their saluting arm, which created problems for more than two dozen recruits who were waiting for their basic training slots to open up. By scrapping the policy, those 26 recruits — who were enrolled in the military's Delayed Entry Program — will get a second chance to join the service, according to Amy Bartholomew, the chief of media for the Air Force Recruiting Service.

As of Monday, 20 of the recruits are returning, three decided not to join, two are temporarily disqual-

ified and one's status is unknown, according to Christa D'Andrea, chief of Public Affairs for the Air Force Recruiting Service. Of the two temporary disqualifications, one is recovering from a vehicle accident and the other is recovering from a tattoo removal.

The new policy had applied only to recruits, meaning airmen were not prohibited from getting a tattoo on their right arm after they finished basic training.

The Nov. 25 guidance was intended to make sure recruits were in compliance with the Air Force tattoo policy and "were portraying a professional military image," Bartholomew said in an e-mail. But a review of more than 6,000 trainees at boot camp found that more than 80 individuals did not comply with the Air Force's tattoo policy standards, she said.

As a result, several Air Force agencies are conducting a review of the Dress and Personal Appearance regulation to ensure

that the policy is applied consistently across the Air Force.

Until then, all airmen and recruits will follow the pre-existing policy that bans tattoos and brands from covering 25 percent of an exposed body part while wearing physical training clothing. Also, markings above the collar bone and visible while wearing short-sleeve shirts are unauthorized, as are tattoos and brands that are obscene or advocate sexual, racial, ethnic or religious discrimination.

Airmen also should expect some sort of tattoo documentation program once the policy is re-released.

When the Marine Corps made similar changes to its policy, for example, Marines had to have their pre-existing tattoos photographed and documented to prove they had the tattoo before the new policy went into effect.

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Photo courtesy of the U.S. Air Force

The above is an example of a tattoo unacceptable under the Air Force's current tattoo policy. The service recently ended a new, 2-week-old policy that prohibited recruits from having a tattoo on their right arm.

## Destroyer leadership removed over fraternization cases

By KATE WILTROUT  
The (Norfolk, Va.) Virginian-Pilot

NORFOLK, Va. — The commanding officer and highest-ranking enlisted sailor aboard the Norfolk-based destroyer James E. Williams were removed

Friday in the wake of a fraternization scandal that erupted on a recent deployment.

The guided-missile destroyer and its crew of about 300 sailors left Norfolk in April for a six-month cruise to the Mediterranean and Arabian seas. They returned Oct. 19.

At the helm was Cmdr. Paul Marquis, whose career includes service at the Pentagon, the Naval Academy and Joint Forces Command. The top enlisted sailor was Command Master Chief Timothy Youell, a 25-year Navy veteran.

Both were reassigned Friday to administrative jobs by Capt. Robert C. Barwis, commander of Destroyer Squadron 26, according to a Navy spokesman. The fallout doesn't end there. Senior enlisted sailors punished for fraternizing with junior shipmates will likely see themselves out of the Navy for good.

Lt. Cmdr. Phil Rosi, a spokesman for the Navy's Fleet Forces

Command, said at least one crewmember is facing criminal charges for an alleged sexual assault reported while the ship was in the Mediterranean. A second sexual assault, reported five days later, is still being investigated, Rosi said.

Nine Williams crewmembers were punished last month for fraternization. The military forbids "unduly familiar" relationships between officers and enlisted sailors, as well as between junior and senior enlisted personnel. The relationships do not have to be romantic: Navy policy also forbids living together, having private business partnerships and loaning one another money.

Rosi would not comment on the nature of the Williams' fraternization cases, but said that nine sailors received nonjudicial punishment for fraternization. Five were male chief petty officers, he said, and four were female junior enlisted sailors: one petty officer

first class, two petty officers second class and one petty officer third class.

Reports of the fraternization surfaced in October a few weeks before the ship returned.

The chiefs involved are being processed for separation from the Navy, Rosi said.

Adm. J.C. Harvey Jr., a four-star admiral who leads Fleet Forces Command, issued a statement about the firings.

"Such a large number of fraternization cases in one command is a clear indication of a leadership failure," Harvey said. "The responsibility of the commanding officer for his or her command is absolute. It is our tradition that with responsibility goes authority and with them both goes accountability."

Neither Marquis nor Youell was implicated in the fraternization cases or alleged sexual assaults. Their failures were ones of leadership, Rosi said.

## Corrections

■ The Dec. 7 story "Missed signs puzzling as Hasan picture emerges" incorrectly identified Sen. Joe Lieberman as an Independent from Vermont. He is from Connecticut.

■ A Dec. 8 graphic accompanying a story about a free ride program at Misawa Air Base, Japan, should have said volunteers gave more than 1,600 free rides since Jan. 1.

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# Obama pushed for faster troop increase

## After long Afghanistan review, president held out for quick timetable, withdrawal date

By ANNE E. KORNBLUT, SCOTT WILSON  
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*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama, seated at the head of a conference table strewn with papers in the White House Situation Room, stared at charts showing various options for sending additional U.S. troops into Afghanistan.

He and his top national security advisers had been debating the way forward for two full months. On this day, Nov. 11, the president scanned the choices with a trace of irritation. At a meeting more than two weeks earlier, he had asked for a plan to deploy and pull out troops quickly — a surge similar to the one that his Republican predecessor had executed in Iraq, but with a fixed date to begin withdrawals.

What was in front of Obama — scenarios that took too long to get in and too long to get out — was not what he wanted.

"I don't know how we can describe this as a surge," he said in a tone that others around the table registered as annoyance.

By the time Obama returned 10 days later from a trip to Asia, military officials had come up with plans to deploy troops much more rapidly than originally proposed by Gen. Stanley McChrystal, the top U.S. and NATO commander in Afghanistan. The new plans also called for fewer U.S. troops than McChrystal had requested and specified that they would begin to come home by July 2011, starting a glide path toward ending a war that, according to opinion polls, only a minority of Americans think is worth fighting.

As described in interviews by more than a dozen senior administration and military officials who took part in the strategy review, the final number of 30,000 more American troops and the timing of their deployment were among the last policy elements to be finalized. Obama's new strategy, which he announced in an address to the nation last week from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point, N.Y., would push the total U.S. military force in Afghanistan to about 100,000 by mid-2010 and make new demands on NATO and other foreign partners.

After one revelatory discussion about the mission's goals, administration officials changed their chief objective from trying to eliminate the Taliban to making sure insurgents could no longer threaten the Afghan government's survival.

In 25 hours of meetings that the president led over three months, participants reviewed in detail how complicated the war in Afghanistan had become. The sessions were fluid, influenced by the ghosts of Vietnam and Iraq, as well as the imperatives of a soaring financial deficit.

"What was interesting was the metamorphosis," said national security adviser James Jones, the only senior official who agreed to discuss the deliberations on the record. "I dare say that none of us ended up where we started."

Jones did not reveal his own position. But among a wide range of opinions as the process began, Vice President Joe Biden was known to oppose a major troop buildup. Defense Secretary Robert Gates was publicly leery, and some of Obama's civilian advisers were privately opposed. When the president polled them on his final decision two days before it was announced, all endorsed it.

Obama and his war council gathered in the Situation Room for the first of what would be nine official review sessions, on a crisp Sunday in the second week of September.

Attendance at the meetings varied depending on who was in Washington and on the issue under discussion, but the central cast around the table included Jones, Biden, the secretaries of State and Defense, White House Chief of Staff Rahm Emanuel, Obama's intelligence chiefs, and top generals and diplomats. Other senior advisers sat along the wall.

Officials explored a range of subjects, including the nature of al-Qaida and Taliban havens in Pakistan, Jones said, as well as "the degree of corruption in Afghanistan. ... Had we over-invested in the central government and underinvested in regional and tribal leaders?" Other discussions centered on the capabilities of Afghan President Hamid Karzai and his security forces, what should be done in Pakistan

weeks would take much longer.

McChrystal's chance to state his case came at an Oct. 8 meeting of Obama's principal advisers, presided over by Jones. Speaking by video link from Kabul, McChrystal began with the policy underlying his approach, established by the White House review, hastily compiled in February, that led to Obama's March 27 strategy announcement and the deployment of nearly 22,000 new troops through the spring and summer.

His lean face, hovering on the screen at the end of the table, was replaced by a mission statement on a slide: "Defeat the Taliban. Secure the Population."

"Is that really what you think your mission is?" one of those in the Situation Room asked.



and the effectiveness of civilian development efforts in Afghanistan.

Biden — who had formed a grim assessment during a visit to Afghanistan in January and argued for fewer troops during the administration's first war review in February and March — questioned costs and asked why more forces were needed in Afghanistan if the objective was to destroy al-Qaida sanctuaries in Pakistan. Some thought his analysis reflected a misunderstanding of counterinsurgency and an overemphasis on bombs and missiles, but many, including Obama, found his sharp questioning invaluable.

Gen. David Petraeus, who wrote the military's counterinsurgency manual and was responsible for the "surge" strategy in Iraq, saw lessons from that conflict that needed to be considered. Some worried that he was drawing invalid parallels, but the president, an Obama adviser said, "was taken with his real-world experience."

Gates, who had been the deputy CIA director when the Soviet Union withdrew from its Afghanistan occupation in 1989, warned against a repeat of the subsequent U.S. abandonment of the region. Throughout the spring and summer, Gates had counseled against a massive U.S. "footprint" in xenophobic Afghanistan. Richard Holbrooke, the administration's special representative for Afghanistan and Pakistan, had watched the U.S. buildup in Vietnam as a junior foreign service officer in the early 1960s and felt he knew the meaning of quagmire.

Obama's style was to lead the meetings through questions, which he often jotted down in his small handwriting on a notepad.

By early October, it was clear that a process initially envisioned as lasting a few

That was precisely his mission, McChrystal responded, and it was enshrined in the Strategic Implementation Plan — the execution orders for the March strategy, written by the National Security Council staff.

"I wouldn't say there was quite a 'whoa' moment," a senior defense official said of the reaction around the table. "It was just sort of a recognition that, 'Duh, that's what in effect the commander understands he's been told to do.' Everybody said, 'He's right.'"

"It was clear that Stan took a very literal interpretation of the intent" of the NSC document, said Jones, who had signed the orders himself. "I'm not sure that in his position I wouldn't have done the same thing, as a military commander." But what he created in his assessment "was obviously something much bigger and more longer-lasting ... than we had intended."

Whatever the administration might have said in March, officials explained to McChrystal, it now wanted something less absolute: to reverse the Taliban's momentum, deter it, and try to persuade a significant number of its members to switch sides.

McChrystal had offered three options for new troop levels — 10,000, 40,000 and 80,000 — each with a time frame for deployment and a level of risk. The 10,000 and the 80,000 were "throwaways," a defense participant said. With new objectives for Afghanistan and Pakistan beginning to solidify, Obama had been convinced by his generals of the need for additional forces to break the Taliban's momentum, but he had yet to settle on a number and a schedule for their deployment.

At a meeting Oct. 26, as he studied McChrystal's proposal for 40,000 new troops to flow into Afghanistan between

March 2010 and the summer of 2011, the president first made clear that he wanted a faster troop deployment than he had been shown.

Obama was also not initially optimistic about recruiting more allied troops. "Have they checked with their political leaders? Because they don't seem to be in favor of it," he told Gates at one point during the deliberations when the defense secretary raised the possibility of convincing the Europeans. The remark prompted some laughter.

But gradually, Jones said, they decided that a more achievable strategy, coupled with better consultation and Obama's popularity in Europe, would spark new interest and resolve. "It morphed into: We're going to share this with NATO," Jones said.

Meanwhile, Obama wanted to send a signal to Afghan President Karzai that "this is not open-ended," recalled one adviser who was present. Karl Eikenberry, the U.S. ambassador in Kabul, had argued for weeks that an undefined troop commitment would increase Karzai's dependence on the U.S. government.

Turning to Petraeus early in the Nov. 11 meeting, Obama said, "What I'm looking for is a surge." As a U.S. senator, Obama had opposed the troop increase in Iraq and never fully embraced its apparent success as a candidate.

What Obama wanted to know, Jones said, was: "Can we do it quicker? If we narrow the mission, and tighten the timelines, are there some effects we can achieve quicker?" It was a question that the military had often answered negatively, he said. "They just said ... we can't do it any faster, because of logistics or whatever. Everybody [had] accepted that."

Following his return from Asia, Obama convened a Nov. 23 session on how to gain leverage over the Karzai government. Gen. James Cartwright, a Marine Corps aviator and vice chairman of the Joint Chiefs, argued that the number of additional U.S. troops was less important than how quickly they arrived and departed. A deadline, he said, might focus Karzai's mind.

The discussion set in motion Obama's decision to announce a withdrawal deadline — a part of the strategy that Republican congressional leaders, in particular, have argued would encourage the Taliban to sit out the war until then. Gates insisted that language qualifying the pace of the drawdown as "conditions-based" be inserted in Obama's speech.

Just after twilight on Nov. 29, Obama gathered Biden, Gates, Petraeus, Jones, Emanuel, Cartwright and Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, in the Oval Office. He had called Secretary of State Hillary Rodham Clinton earlier.

He had made his decision. Thirty thousand additional U.S. troops would arrive in Afghanistan by summer, and NATO would be asked to send at least 5,000 forces. A full review would occur in December 2010 to determine where, and at what pace, the strategy was working. In July 2011, troops would begin to return home, although no timeline would be set for full withdrawal.

Obama then went around the room asking one question: Do you support the strategy?

"If they didn't support the decision, he was going to issue another decision" until there was unanimity, a senior administration official said. "But it was his assessment that everyone could and should get behind it."

Each of them did.

# DOD to offer longer civilian tours in S. Korea

By FRANKLIN FISHER  
Stars and Stripes

PYEONGTAEK, South Korea — Defense Department civilians will now be able to serve tours of up to three years with their families in most parts of South Korea, officials said Monday.

About 3,000 civilians work for DOD in South Korea. The change applies to the 2,800 or so employees in the Appropriated Funds personnel category, regardless of which branch of service they work for, officials said.

The longer tours are part of the U.S. military's recent drive to station personnel in South Korea for longer periods and accompanied by their families, an effort known as tour normalization.

Until recently, most active-duty troops

served one-year tours without families. But those with families may now serve two- and three-year tours.

Most Defense Department civilians in South Korea accompanied by families served two-year tours, and some were even shorter.

"We want the civilian tours to mirror the military tours to the extent possible," said John McCrarey, director of human resources management for Eighth U.S. Army.

"It really is in keeping with the commander's intent that Korea be considered a normal duty station. It's similar to what they do in Europe as well — it's three-year tours."

The new longer tours include the possibility of extensions, officials said.

However, the affected employees are

still subject to the Defense Department's policy guidance that limits them to five years of consecutive service in an overseas location, unless a commander grants an exception, McCrarey said.

The Pentagon in August approved a U.S. Forces-Korea request for the longer tours, and USFK put them into effect last month, he said.

In the Seoul and Daegu regions, civilians had been allowed two-year tours accompanied by families. USFK may now offer three-year tours.

In the Pyeongtaek region, tours had been one-year unaccompanied, but now may be three years accompanied.

Civilians in the region north of Seoul had been restricted to one-year unaccompanied tours. Under the new policy they may now serve two years

accompanied.

Most of the 150 Air Force civilian jobs affected are those at Osan and Kunsan air bases, as well as a few at other sites around the peninsula, said Mark Shores, civilian personnel officer at Osan Air Base in Pyeongtaek.

Officials expect the change to benefit both the employees and the organizations they work for.

"I think from the employees' perspective, you have some stability, that you know that you're going to be there for a full three-year period," McCrarey said. "From the management side, we get more stability, less turning, people coming for two years, and going."

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## Historians connect mini-sub debris to Pearl Harbor attack

By THOMAS H. MAUGH II  
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The remains of a Japanese mini-submarine that participated in the Dec. 7, 1941, attack on Pearl Harbor have been discovered, researchers planned to report, offering strong evidence that the sub fired its torpedoes at Battleship Row.

That could settle a long-standing argument among historians.

Five mini-subs were to participate in the strike, but four were scuttled, destroyed or run aground without being a factor in the attack. The fate of the fifth has remained a mystery. But a variety of new evidence suggests that the fifth fired its two 800-pound torpedoes, most likely at the battleships West Virginia and Oklahoma, capsizing the latter. Researchers think the mini-sub's crew scuttled it in nearby West Loch.

The loch was also the site of a 1944 disaster in which six tank landing ships preparing for the secret invasion of Saipan were destroyed in an ammunition explosion that killed 200 sailors and wounded hundreds more.

When the Navy scooped up the remains of the so-called LSTs and dumped them outside the harbor, it apparently also dumped the mini-sub's remains, which were mixed with damaged U.S. ships.

"It's not often that a historian gets a chance to rewrite history," said marine historian Parks Stephenson, who pieced together the evidence for the television program "Nova." "The capsizing of the Oklahoma is the second most iconic event of the attack. If one submarine could get in in 1941 and hit a battleship, who

knows what a midget sub could do today. Iran and North Korea are both building them. It's very worrying."

Stephenson and his colleagues have put together a convincing chain of circumstantial evidence, said Burl Burlingame, a journalist at the Honolulu Star-Bulletin and author of "Advance Force: Pearl Harbor."

"There is a good chance that this is the Pearl Harbor midget, but I don't think the case is closed on it," Burlingame said. "At this point, it is not hard evidence."

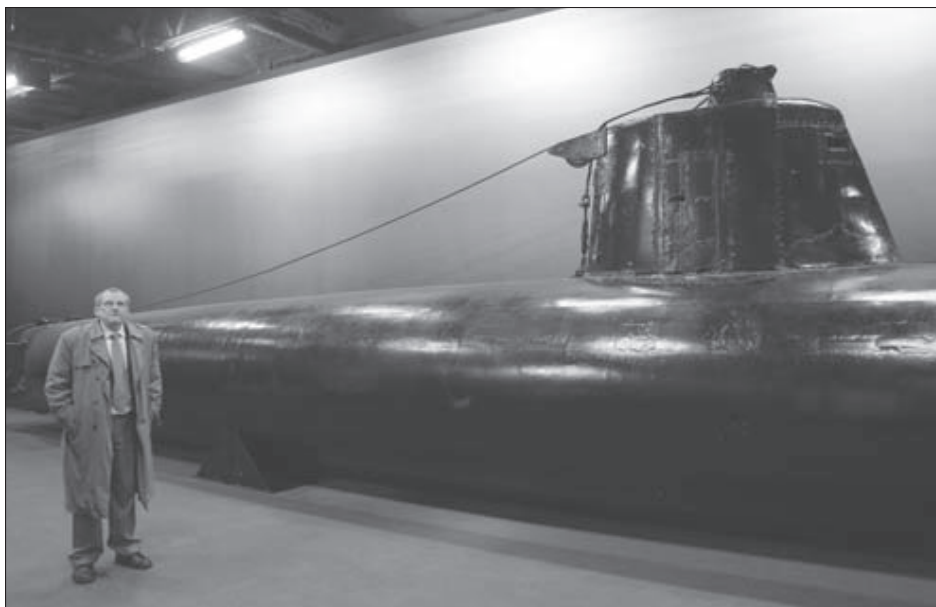
The two-man, nearly 80-foot-long sub in question does not have a name of its own. Each of the five subs in the attack was carried by a conventional submarine and took its name from the mother boat. It is thus called the I-16-tou — tou being Japanese for boat. Powered by a 600-horsepower electric motor, the sub could reach underwater speeds of 19 knots, twice as fast as many of the U.S. subs of the day.

The three pieces of the sub were found during routine test dives between 1994 and 2001 by Terry Kerby, chief pilot of the Hawaii Undersea Research Laboratory's submersibles Pisces IV and Pisces V.

Stephenson got involved in 2007 because he was looking for the fifth Japanese mini-sub.

In 1941, a crewman on the I-16 had received a radio call from the I-16-tou at 10:41 p.m. on Dec. 8 reporting the success of its mission. That indicated to Stephenson that the mini-sub had found a calm place in the harbor and hidden until the next night before surfacing and sending the call.

The crew members would have then scuttled the craft. The West Loch would have been a good location to hide, but researchers



ERIC GAY/AP

Rob Esterlein, deputy executive director of the Admiral Nimitz Foundation, stands next to a 40-ton, nearly 80-foot-long Japanese mini-submarine at the National Museum of the Pacific War in Fredericksburg, Texas. Historians believe the vessel was used in the Pearl Harbor attack on Dec. 7, 1941.

could find no boat there.

A diver who had been looking for the mini-sub suggested that Stephenson talk to Kerby, who sent him pictures of his find.

Stephenson said the Japanese navy modified net cutters on the subs for specific missions, and the one on the wreck was identical to those on the other mini-subs.

No torpedoes were found on the wreck, and evidence suggests that they were not present when the boat was sunk.

A newly declassified photograph taken by a Japanese plane during the attack appeared to show a mini-sub firing into Battleship Row. A report to Congress in 1942 by Adm. Chester W. Nimitz describes an unexploded 800-pound torpedo recovered after the battle.

That's twice the size carried by the torpedo bombers.

That torpedo was apparently a dud that missed the West Virginia.

An examination of the remains of the Oklahoma shows that it apparently had underwater damage much larger than that associated with aerial torpedoes.

### 'It's a sad day to remember'



ROBIN HOECKER/Stars and Stripes

Rear Adm. Patrick Lorge, left, and retired Navy Cmdr. John Budzik salute Monday as a wreath is presented at the Navy Memorial in Washington on the 68th anniversary of the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. Budzik, originally from Omaha, Neb., was stationed in Honolulu during the second wave of attacks on Pearl Harbor. "We were dumbfounded," he said. "It's a sad day to remember."





CHRISTOPHER BERKEY/AP

Adm. Mike Mullen, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, discusses the Afghan war with troops at Fort Campbell, Ky., on Monday.

## Mullen tells troops casualties will rise during Afghan surge

By KRISTIN M. HALL  
The Associated Press

FORT CAMPBELL, Ky. — The nation's highest-ranking military officer Monday told soldiers, including many bound for Afghanistan, that he expects casualties to rise next year as additional U.S. troops pour into the war.

Adm. Mike Mullen, the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, answered soldiers' questions for about an hour at this sprawling Army post on the Kentucky-Tennessee line. Many at Fort Campbell already had orders for Afghanistan before President Barack Obama unveiled his plan last week to add about 30,000 new troops to about 70,000 already there.

"I am sure we will sustain an increase in the level of casualties and I don't want to be in any way unclear about that," he told about 700 troops. "This is what happened in Iraq during the surge and as tragic as it is, to turn this thing around, it will be a part of this surge as well."

"I expect a tough fight in 2010," Mullen said.

Mullen was due to talk later in the day at Camp Lejeune, N.C., the Marine Corps base that will supply about 1,500 Marines for the first surge units by Christmas.

At Fort Campbell, Capt. Matthew O'Neill, 31, a member of the 101st Aviation Brigades, said he expects his scheduled deployment next year to Afghanistan may be sooner than expected.

"I just think the support that is needed in Afghanistan is finally getting put in," he said after Mullen's talk.

Mullen, the president's senior military adviser, said Obama's announcement last week of a scheduled transition to a greater role for Afghan forces starting in July 2011 wasn't a deadline for pulling out troops.

"President Obama has not said we are leaving," he told the troops. "There's no deadline, there's no amount of troops that will come out in July 2011 and there's no withdrawal date."

# Iraq elections may be delayed until February

By CHELSEA J. CARTER  
The Associated Press

BAGHDAD — Iraq's electoral commission on Monday recommended a 45-day delay in parliamentary elections until Feb. 27, raising concerns that the postponed balloting could complicate the planned withdrawal of U.S. combat troops and bring a possible surge of violence.

American commanders have noted the chance of increased pre-election bloodshed aimed at destabilizing the pro-Western government. A series of attacks occurred around the country as officials tried to hammer out the election timetable, including an explosion outside a Baghdad elementary school that killed 10 people, including six children.

The recommendation for Feb.

27 voting was sent to Iraq's presidential council, which still must approve it, said Qassim al-Aboudi, a senior electoral commission official. Though other dates remained on the table, there was little reason to believe the council would raise objections.

The delay from the original Jan. 16 date is needed to give authorities time to prepare after months of political stalemate that was finally broken with a dramatic vote by lawmakers Sunday just minutes before a midnight deadline on adopting new voting rules.

There were concerns the delay could throw snags into withdrawal plans for the U.S. military, which is keeping the bulk of its 120,000 troops in place until the vote.

The top American commander in Iraq, Gen. Ray Odierno, had ordered the bulk of the pullout to

begin 60 days after January balloting. It was unclear whether Odierno has adjusted the order with elections now likely to be delayed.

As the political deliberations have dragged on, insurgents have shown their capability of carrying out large-scale attacks against Iraqi security forces and civilians.

The latest attack came outside an elementary school in Baghdad's Shiite district of Sadr City, where police and witnesses gave conflicting information about whether the explosion was caused by a bomb, a rocket or an exploding weapons cache.

Among the at least nine people killed were six children between the ages of 6 and 12, said officials. Thirty children were among the 52 wounded, two hospital officials said.

## Gear: Donating goods to Iraqis could be cheaper than sending it to Afghanistan

GEAR, FROM PAGE 1

U.S. commanders in Iraq say they have been judicious in assessing what equipment to earmark for donation. Alan Estevez, a deputy undersecretary of defense, wrote in an e-mail that "an important and vital goal is to leave behind fully functioning bases to the Government of Iraq to enable Iraq's civil capacities."

But a U.S. military official critical of the process said the new regulations allow too much latitude to commanders, provide little oversight and fail to account for the urgent need of American forces in Afghanistan, which need the same kinds of items that the troops in Iraq are leaving behind.

Brig. Gen. Peter Bayer, the chief of staff for the ground forces command in Iraq, said that though the Army wanted to make equipment available to units in Afghanistan, it was often more cost-effective to donate vehicles and other goods to the cash-strapped Iraqi government than to pack and ship it.

"In many cases, we'll spend more between labor and transportation than the equipment is worth," Bayer said. "We're not talking about green Army trucks or weapons systems or night-vision capabilities."

Senior military officials have said that getting new equipment into Afghanistan presents a major logistical challenge.

"To the extent we can leverage equipment that's being retrograded out of Iraq, we're going to do that to make that a little easier," Brig. Gen. John Nicholson, the director of the Pentagon's Pakistan-Afghanistan Coordination Cell, said last week in an online discussion with bloggers.

The latest set of guidelines, gave commanders in Iraq the authority to determine the merit of donating items worth less than \$1 million without prior Pentagon approval.

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## Pentagon orders 16,000 troops for Afghan buildup

Stars and Stripes

ARLINGTON, Va. — About 16,000 troops with the first wave of the Afghanistan surge are expected to be in country by the end of spring.

Later this month, 1,500 Marines from Camp Lejeune, N.C., will deploy to Afghanistan, lead-

ing the increase of up to 33,000 extra troops, Pentagon spokesman Bryan Whitman said on Monday.

The other units are:

■ 6,200 Marines with Regimental Combat Team 2, headquartered out of Camp Lejeune, expected to deploy in early spring.

■ 800 Marines with I Marine

Expeditionary Force Forward, out of Camp Pendleton, Calif., also deploying in the spring.

■ About 3,400 soldiers with 1st Brigade Combat Team, 10th Mountain Division, out of Fort Drum, N.Y., deploying in spring to train Afghan security forces.

■ About 4,100 "enablers," such

as military police, deploying during the spring.

These enablers will come from all of the services and cover a wide range of capabilities in areas such as medicine, aviation, engineers, logistics, Military Police and surveillance, said Army spokesman Gary Tallman.

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# U.S., Turkey pledge cooperation in terror fight

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — President Barack Obama said Monday the United States and Turkey are committed to defeating terrorism wherever it occurs.

Obama thanked Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan and the Turkish people for their commitments in Afghanistan. Turkey took over the rotating command of the NATO peacekeeping operation in Kabul last month and doubled its number of troops to around 1,750. However, it has resisted repeated U.S. requests to send its troops on combat operations.

Obama spoke in the White House along-

side the Turkish prime minister after the two met privately.

The meeting came at a time of rising Turkish influence in the Middle East and Central Europe.

Before leaving for Washington, Erdogan said Turkey has already contributed the "necessary number" of troops in Afghanistan, and that Turkish military and police will train their Afghan counterparts and press ahead with health, education and infrastructure projects there.

Turkey's participation in the Afghan mission carries enormous symbolic importance because it is the only Muslim country working with U.S. troops to beat back

resurgent Taliban and deny al-Qaida a sanctuary.

More broadly, however, the United States would like Turkey to use its sway as a regional power and Muslim majority ally to help solve some of its foreign policy problems. But the two sides disagree on many important issues.

Turkey has sought to become a mediator for the United States with Iran and Arab countries, but it is unclear whether the Obama administration is eager for Ankara to play that role.

The two sides disagree on sanctions against Iran and the administration is uneasy about recent Turkish disputes with Israel.



SUSAN WALSH/AP

**President Barack Obama shakes hands with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan in the Oval Office on Monday.**

## Corruption: U.S. stepping up efforts to cut cash flow from Afghanistan

**CORRUPTION, FROM PAGE 1**

Zakhilwal was speaking at the beginning of a four-day conference, sponsored by the U.S. Embassy here, in which Department of Homeland Security officials are tutoring Afghan customs officials and others on detection methods.

Zakhilwal said much of the cash allegedly comes from drug cartels, eager to get the money to Dubai, which is a leading financial hub and the main destination for flights from Kabul. The rest may be from corrupt officials or otherwise law-abiding businesses that wish to dodge taxes.

The daily loss deprives the cash-poor government of tax money that could be used for improvements in transportation,

medical care and education, officials said.

If the Afghan government has done little to stop the cash smuggling, the U.S. also has not been particularly vigilant.

"For years," said a U.S. federal government investigator who was not authorized to speak publicly about the issue, "the U.S. government has failed to pay proper attention to the flow of drug money into and out of Afghanistan and the pockets of the leaders of the insurgency and the Afghan government itself."

In recent months, U.S. agencies have stepped up their efforts to interdict the flow of cash "but the effort needs to be broader than just Afghanistan and it needs to encompass tougher measures in places

like Dubai and the other city-states of the United Arab Emirates as well as key countries in Europe," the investigator said.

Under Afghan and international law, anyone taking more than \$10,000 over an international border must report that amount to both countries. But as a practical matter, the law is barely, if at all, enforced in Afghanistan.

E. Wayne Anthony, a U.S. ambassador serving as coordinating director for development and economic affairs in Afghanistan, said that cracking down on cash smuggling is a step toward establishing a government that protects "the wider interest of all the people, not the narrow interest of the few and powerful."

In an interview broadcast Sunday with CNN correspondent Christiane Amanpour, Karzai said that "the issue of corruption has been politically overplayed by some of our partners in the international community" and that he has not gotten credit for his anti-corruption efforts.

"There are governors who have gone to prison," he said. "There are governors who are dismissed and are under investigation. A minister was dismissed from the middle of the Cabinet. Others are dismissed."

Karzai is expected to announce his selections for a new Cabinet this week, with U.S. officials and Karzai's political opponents expected to scrutinize the selections for possible ties to corruption.

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From left, Kennedy Center honorees Mel Brooks, Dave Brubeck, Grace Bumbry, Robert De Niro and Bruce Springsteen participate in a ceremony in the White House on Sunday before attending the official event at the Kennedy Center.

# Music, irreverence earn top honor

By **BRETT ZONGKER**

*The Associated Press*

WASHINGTON — Nearly 40 years ago, a Kenyan father was visiting his son in Hawaii and took him to his first jazz concert. The boy was Barack Obama and the performer was jazz great Dave Brubeck.

"I've been a jazz fan ever since," the president said Sunday, crediting the pianist and composer with bringing jazz into the mainstream and transforming it with new rhythms. "The world that he opened up for a 10-year-old boy was spectacular."

Obama greeted Brubeck at the White House on the musician's 89th birthday. The musician was lauded with the Kennedy Center Honors, along with rocker Bruce Springsteen, actor Robert De Niro, comic genius Mel Brooks and opera singer Grace Bumbry.

A surprise list of stars performed as part of the nation's highest honors for those who have defined American culture through the arts. It's part of a living memorial to President John F. Kennedy.

Jon Stewart opened the tribute to Springsteen, recounting his theory on The Boss' origins.

"I'm not a music critic, nor historian, nor archivist," Stewart said. "But I am from New Jersey. And so I can tell you what I believe. ... I believe that Bob Dylan and James Brown had a baby."

John Mellencamp sang "Born in the U.S.A." Jennifer Nettles from Sugarland did "Glory Days" with a country twist, Melissa Etheridge rocked the house with "Born To Run" to a standing ovation and Sting ended the musical tribute with "The Rising" with help from a choir.

About 300 guests, including Jack Black, Edward Norton, Matthew Broderick, Ben Stiller, Martin Scorsese, Philip Seymour Hoffman celebrated the group with a reception in the East Room of the White House.

"These performers are indeed the best," Obama said. "They are also living reminders of a single truth — and I'm going to steal a line from Michelle here — the arts are not somehow apart from our national life, the arts are the heart of our national life."

Springsteen, 60, said the award was different than other accolades.

"We worked really hard for our music to be part of American life and our fans' lives," he said.

"So it's an acknowledgment that you've kind of threaded your way into the culture in a certain way. It's satisfying."

The show will air nationwide Dec. 29 on CBS.

The honors were heartfelt for the 66-year-old De Niro. Meryl Streep opened with a tribute to her friend who she said was exacting with details as an actor, director and producer.

"He did what I and my drama school friends dreamed of — to disappear and morph into a [character]," she said.

Later, Aretha Franklin recounted highlights from Bumbry's career. As a 25-year-old singer, Bumbry broke racial barriers in 1961 in Richard Wagner's "Tannhauser" in Bayreuth, Germany. Many conservative opera-goers were infuriated. But by the end of the performance, the audience applauded for 30 minutes and drew 42 curtain calls.

"I think when all my awards go to eBay, it will be the last," Brooks said of the Kennedy Center medallion before the show. "That's how much I treasure it."

Jack Black saluted Brooks with a rendition of "Men in Tights," and Harry Connick Jr. sang "High Anxiety."



**President Barack Obama acknowledges the guests in attendance at the awards.**

The show wouldn't have been complete without a riff on the Nazis. Matthew Morrison from TV's "Glee" sang "Springtime for Hitler." Brooks saluted back with a black mustache held over his lip.

## President's guard often thwarted, report says

By **SPENCER S. HSU**

*The Washington Post*

WASHINGTON — Long before a pair of gate-crashers penetrated a White House state dinner, the Secret Service had detailed for its internal use a lengthy list of security breaches dating to the Carter administration — including significant failures in the agency's protection of the president.

A summary of a secret 2003 report obtained by The Washington Post, along with descriptions of more recent incidents by federal Homeland Security officials, places Tareq and Michaela Salahi squarely in a rogues' gallery of autograph hounds, publicity seekers, unstable personalities and others identified by the Secret Service as defeating its checkpoints at least 91 times since 1980.

The document, the most complete accounting of recent Secret Service security breakdowns, includes officers mistakenly admitting to the White House grounds a family in a minivan, a man believed to be a delivery driver, and a woman previously known to agents after she had falsely claimed a "special relationship" with Bill Clinton.

The only assailant to injure a president in the past three decades was John Hinckley, who shot and wounded Ronald Reagan in 1981.

The list of security breaches exposes significant gaps that could be exploited by would-be assassins, the document states, and erode "one of the best tools for deterring future attempts" — an aura of invulnerability around the White House.

A Secret Service official confirmed the authenticity of the unclassified document.

After the appearance at last month's state dinner by the Salahis, the Secret Service has launched a criminal investigation into the couple and a sweeping internal review of security procedures. Offering a rare public apology for the incident, the agency's director, Mark Sullivan, characterized it as a "pure and simple ... case of human error."

The historical list of perimeter breaches indicates that intruders have reached the president or another person under Secret Service protection eight times since 1980, including the Salihis. Four of the incidents involved the same man.

The summary paints a disturbing picture of how difficult it is to stop determined intruders — often mentally ill — even as it notes that violent or commando-style raids have not occurred, and that terrorists or organized adversaries are unlikely to risk a head-on attack.



AP

## Independent AOL stock to open trade

*The Associated Press*

SAN FRANCISCO — AOL is shaking loose from Time Warner Inc. It will start the 2010s as an independent underdog, trying to beef up its Web sites and advertising revenue.

Now investors are getting a chance to place bets on AOL. On Wednesday, Time Warner shareholders as of Nov. 27 will get one share of AOL for every 11 of their Time Warner shares.

AOL will begin trading under the ticker symbol of the same name.

AOL will initially be worth about \$2.5 billion, based on the value of preliminary AOL shares that have been trading ahead of the formal spinoff this week. AOL will have no debt, and is profitable, though operating income dropped 50 percent to \$134 million in the third quarter compared with last year.



## IN THE WORLD

# Iranian police clash with demonstrators

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI  
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Security forces and militiamen clashed with thousands of protesters shouting “death to the dictator” outside Tehran University on Monday, beating them with batons and firing tear gas on a day of nationwide student demonstrations, witnesses said.

The protests were the largest in months, bringing tens of thousands out in marches at more than a dozen campuses around the country and in several squares in Tehran, as university students — a bedrock of support for the pro-reform movement — sought to energize the opposition. The opposition has been reeling under a fierce crackdown since turmoil erupted over the disputed presidential election in June.

Thousands of riot police, Revolutionary Guard forces and pro-government Basij militiamen flooded the area around Tehran University since the morning, vowing to prevent any unrest from spilling out into the streets.

They sought to seal off the campus from the outside world. Banners and signs bearing slogans from Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei blanketed the tall



A female student participates in an anti-government protest at Tehran University in Iran on Monday. Thousands of riot police, Revolutionary Guard forces and pro-government Basij militiamen flooded the area around Tehran University, vowing to prevent any unrest from spilling into the streets.

university fence, hiding whatever took place inside. Cell phone networks around the universities were shut down, and police and members of the elite Revolutionary Guard surrounded entrances, checking IDs of anyone entering to bar opposition activists, wit-

nesses said.

The fiercest violence was on the streets outside. Thousands of protesters massed outside Tehran University in support of the students, chanting “death to the dictator,” the witnesses said.

Riot police fired tear gas and

Basij militiamen, some on motorcycles, charged the crowds. The plainclothes Basijis beat protesters on the head and shoulders as the crowd scattered, then regrouped on nearby street corners, setting tires on fire to ward off the stinging tear gas. Nearby,

protesters and Basijis pelted each other with stones, the witnesses said, speaking on condition of anonymity for fear of retaliation.

Inside Tehran University, hard-line students loyal to the government clashed with protesters in scuffles and fist-fights. The hard-line students — numbering about 2,000 — held their own march through the university, waving pictures of Khamenei and Iranian flags and chanting “death to the hypocrites,” a reference to Mousavi and other opposition leaders.

Protests erupted at seven other universities in Tehran and on campuses on at least six other cities, the New York-based International Campaign for Human Rights in Iran reported.

At Tehran's Amir Kabir University, Basij militiamen entered the campus and tried to break up a march by students, witnesses said. The Basijis pushed and shoved the students, dragging some away. At Sharif University, Tehran's premier technology university, thousands of students blocked the main road leading into the campus, witnesses said. Police outside the us

There was no immediate word on arrests or injuries from the unrest.

## Greek youths riot in Athens for second day

By NICHOLAS PAPHITIS  
The Associated Press

ATHENS, Greece — Masked youths smashed store windows and hurled rocks and firebombs at riot police who responded with tear gas Monday in a second day of violence during commemorations of last year's fatal police shooting of a teenager.

The death last year of 15-year-old Alexis Grigoropoulos led to some of the worst rioting Greece had ever seen, with gangs of youths smashing, looting and burning stores in cities across the country for two weeks, protesting heavy-handed police tactics.

Monday's clashes broke out during a demonstration by about 3,000 people, mostly high school students, through the center of

Athens. Several dozen youths at the tail end of the march attacked riot police with rocks, firebombs and firecrackers, smashing some of the bus stops, telephone booths and storefronts not damaged in Sunday's demonstration.

Protesters injured a passer-by who attempted to intervene, beating the middle-aged man unconscious. Police detained at least three youths.

Some demonstrators tried to prevent clashes, shouting at the groups of youths instigating the violence, but to little avail.

“I'm here to play at beating up the police. What's your problem?” one young rioter retorted to a student who admonished him for causing trouble.

Minor clashes also broke out

during a march of about 2,000 people in Greece's second-largest city of Thessaloniki in the north, where riot police fired tear gas to disperse youths pelting them with rocks.

Police said Monday that 784 people had been detained, including 136 people who were arrested, for public order offenses in connection with the demonstrations across Greece. Those detained included 58 foreigners, including people from Turkey, France, Germany, Italy and Albania.

Five demonstrators and 16 police were injured in Athens during Sunday's demonstration — including a woman who was seriously hurt when she was struck by a police officer who lost control of his motorbike.

## Nightclub victims mourned in Russia



MISHA JAPARIDZE/AP

A grieving relative of a victim of a nightclub fire mourns at a cemetery in Perm, Russia, on Monday. The fire tore through the popular Lane Horse nightclub in Perm late Friday, after fireworks set a suspended plastic ceiling ablaze. Authorities said 113 people died and 130 more were hospitalized.



A Pakistani woman is comforted by a police officers after a series of explosions in Lahore, Pakistan on Monday.

K.M.CHAUDARY  
AP

## 46 killed in pair of blasts in Pakistan

The Associated Press

LAHORE, Pakistan — Bombings in two Pakistani cities killed 46 people Monday, as militants struck back in the wake of an army offensive against a Taliban stronghold in the northwest near the Afghan border.

Two synchronized bombs ripped through a market popular with women in the eastern Pakistani city of Lahore about 9 p.m., igniting a massive fire that killed 36 people, authorities said. Hours earlier a suicide bomber killed 10 people outside a courthouse in the northwestern city of Peshawar.

About 100 people were wounded in the attacks in Lahore, which were timed to take place when the Moon Market was at its busiest. Authorities

initially said both bombs were believed to be remote-controlled, but they later said a suicide bomber was suspected to have carried out at least one of them.

The blasts came within 30 seconds of each other, leaving dozens of cars and shops ablaze late into the night.

Many victims were women and children, including a dead 2-year-old, a police officer said.

Most of the militant attacks in recent weeks have been directed at security forces, though several have targeted crowded public spaces like markets, apparently to create public anger and increase pressure on the government to call a halt to the offensive. More than 400 people have been killed since the beginning of October.



## EDUCATION

## Hip-hop turns the tables on music studies

By JEFF BAENEN  
The Associated Press

ST. PAUL, Minn. DJ Freddy Fresh slaps a vinyl record on the turntable, cues it up and tells a student, "Remember, the top of the note was there, right? Grab it."

The student places his hand on the disc. Freddy Fresh sets the tonearm down on a record rotating on a second turntable. He starts the first record spinning as a percolating beat fills the classroom, then twiddles some knobs.

"Bing, bing, boom. There it is," Freddy Fresh says while showing the student the precise beat where to stop the platter. "Let's hear it. Scratch a little so we can hear the top of it."

The student "scratches" the record, moving his left hand back and forth, then lets the disc go.

"Perfect," Freddy Fresh declares.

A professional DJ since 1992, Freddy Fresh (real name Frederick Schmid) is among the new teachers brought in by McNally Smith College of Music for a hip-hop studies program that school officials say is the first in the nation.

The private downtown St. Paul college — where rapper Ice Cube already funds a scholarship for music technology studies — began the hip-hop program in September and hopes the first students, after completing a recorded project and a live performance, get their diploma certificates at commencement next summer.

Even though hip-hop is only 30 years old, McNally Smith officials say the urban culture of rap has become a dominating commercial force and deserves serious study. Students say they enjoy the chance to learn from established rappers and DJs.

"What I like the most about it is there are actual artists teaching us, as opposed to just some guy coming in a suit and tie and being like, 'This is what hip-hop is,'" said student Tim Wagner, 19, who came to McNally Smith to learn studio production and polish his MC skills.

"They know what they're talking about because they've done it."

College classes on the language of hip-hop or how to work turntables are not

new. Berklee College of Music in Boston held its annual Business of Hip-Hop Symposium in October and has had visits from pioneering hip-hop DJ Grandmaster Flash and rapper Chuck D of Public Enemy, and the University of Wisconsin-Madison recently hosted a semester-long fall lecture series on hip-hop. Marcyliena Morgan, a professor at Harvard University, founded The HipHop Archive in 2002.

But McNally Smith is offering a full, 45-credit, three-semester hip-hop program. Courses include "Deejay Techniques," "Diaspora of African Music" and "The Language of Rap and Spoken Word III."

The school hopes that hip-hop grads will then enter McNally Smith's two- or four-year programs, where those students can apply some of their credits, said Cliff Wittstruck, dean of academic affairs.

The hip-hop program grew out of a summer workshop at McNally Smith that attracted 22 young people, mainly of high school age. When it was time to draw up courses for the college program, organizers made sure "that it was not just something that was sort of, 'Oh, we're going to have a hip-hop diploma and somebody

Top: DJ Freddy Fresh, right, spins records for students, from left, Toyosi Duroshola, Tyrome Jones and Adrian Thomas during a hip-hop class at McNally Smith College of Music in St. Paul, Minn., on Sept. 24. Below left: Minneapolis rapper Dessa Darling is an instructor in the McNally Smith program. Below right: Workshop program coordinator Toki Wright, left, and director Sean McPherson.

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grab the graffiti font and we'll be all set," said workshop director Sean McPherson, bassist and leader of the Twin Cities hip-hop band Heiruspecs.

Program coordinator Toki Wright, a Twin Cities MC and poet, said the program aims to teach all the behind-the-scenes roles in hip-hop: promoters, DJs and producers. Classes on hip-hop business practices, music production and history are all offered.

Fourteen students — 12 men, two women — are enrolled in the hip-hop program, which has eight teachers. Overall enrollment at McNally Smith stands at 685, and the school — founded in 1985 by two guitarists — has 118 faculty members.

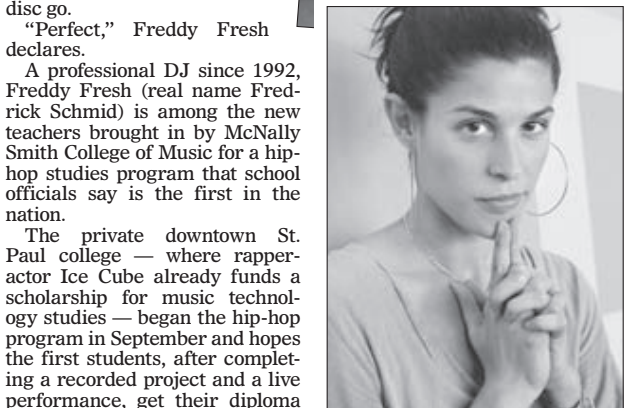
McNally Smith President Harry Chalmiers said rapping — although it sounds spontaneous — is not easy.

"The best rap is fine art," Chalmiers said. "It is poetry. It is music. It is rhythm. It is color. It is living history. It is of political, societal commentary. It's significant work. None of that is easy."

Margret Wander, who raps under the name Dessa Darling with the Minneapolis hip-hop collective Doomtree, had been teaching songwriting at McNally Smith when the school invited her to become a teacher in the hip-hop program. She said she could have used some formal training when she was learning to rap.

"I did a lot of my learning in a Festiva parked outside an Old Country Buffet while one of the guys who was my mentor was pounding on the hood of the car. He goes, 'Nope, you're not getting it.' And I continued to rap and rap and rap until I got it right," Dessa said.

"And I learned it, but I'd loved to have not had to have sat in a Festiva for six hours."



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## FACES

# 'It's about the heart' of the movie

Harrelson judges 'The Messenger' based on quality, not politics



**I**n "The Messenger," Woody Harrelson plays a soldier — one of the last roles you might expect from the renowned peacenik. As a casualty-notification officer with rising actor Ben Foster, Harrelson summons humanity without politics — director Oren Moverman's film is apolitical — in one of his best performances.

**San Francisco Chronicle:** You've come a long way from "Cheers" — 17 movies in the past three years, including two blockbusters this fall, "Zombieland" and "2012." Do you ever say no to a script?

Harrelson: (Laughs) I don't really consider myself a yes man, but there are so many good projects that I kinda had to do. It doesn't have to be an issues movie. If a movie makes you laugh, like "Zombieland," that's enough. It's about the heart of the piece.

**What attracted you to the script of "The Messenger"? A soldier seems un-Woody-like.**

I thought it was one of the most beautiful and powerful scripts I'd ever read, and I was really knocked out by it.

It's one thing to be anti-war, but if you just lump the soldiers in with the war itself, then you really miss a very important human component, and all the time I spent with these soldiers, at Walter Reed (Army Medical Center) and Fort Dix, where we were filming ... made me feel empathy and compassion and respect for these soldiers.

So just for me, philosophically and ideologically, I think it really changed my life. And even if this war is misguided, which it surely is, I don't blame them for it.

They're doing what they're doing out of a very deep patriotism.



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**Woody Harrelson turns in one of the best performances of his career in "The Messenger."**

**How's President Barack Obama doing?**

Well, Obama could be JFK or LBJ; he's got that potential to go either direction. All of the military advisers, of course, want to prosecute the war, they want to win the war, and I don't think they're winnable wars, because you don't have the will of the people. They consider us the invading force. There's so many parallels to Vietnam. ... The government talked about the red scare, the domino effect, but when you look at the Pentagon papers, it was about rubber, tin and oil. It's always about resources.

In the present-day case, it's pretty obvious. I think we need to get out, just walk away from it. Hugely expensive in terms of financial cost and hugely expensive in terms of the lives that are being lost every day.

**OK, change of tack. You were David Letterman's first guest after he revealed an alleged extortion plot against him and admitted having sex with female staffers. Two minutes later, you're sitting next to him on national TV. How did that go down?**

Before, [a member of Letterman's staff] said, 'Dave wants you to watch this next segment.' I didn't have [the TV] on because I was doing yoga — I like to get relaxed before going on. So I put it on, and I'm like, 'I cannot believe this is happening. This is one for the books.' I knew I was on an episode that wouldn't be forgotten.

**Your character in "The Messenger" is old-school. He asserts, "Men don't ask for directions." Do you?**

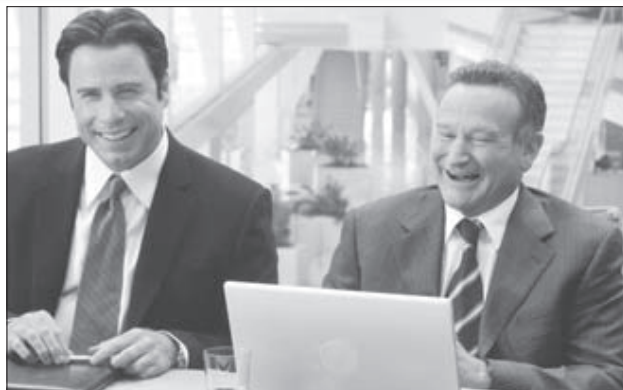
Constantly! I'm perpetually lost.

— G. Allen Johnson/  
San Francisco Chronicle

## Mork & Vinnie: Party crashers

John Travolta and Robin Williams were the original wedding crashers. The longtime pals admit they crashed a random wedding reception back in 1977 after going out for a drink together. The duo partied without being detected until Travolta hit the dance floor. Guests then realized they were Mork and "Mork & Mindy" and Vinnie Barbarino from "Welcome Back, Kotter," their popular shows in the '70s.

— Wireless Flash



**John Travolta, left, and Robin Williams hung out decades before starring in "Old Dogs," currently in theaters stateside and overseas.**

## 'Twilight' gets blind sided

**S**andra Bullock's latest movie has taken the industry by surprise.

She stars in the football-inspired drama "The Blind Side" that has become the underdog hit of the season with a \$20.4 million weekend and a box-office victory over "The Twilight Saga: New Moon."

The Warner Bros. sports tale had been runner-up for the previous two weekends to Summit Entertainment's vampire romance "New Moon," which fell to second place with \$15.7 million.

Great word-of-mouth from fans has sustained "The Blind Side," in which Bullock plays a woman

whose family adopts homeless teen Michael Oher, now a rookie tackle for the Baltimore Ravens.

"New Moon" still is far ahead in total gross with \$255.6 million domestically, compared with \$129.3 million for "The Blind Side."

George Clooney's comedy "Up in the Air" opened in limited release and took in nearly \$1.2 million at just 15 theaters for a whopping average of \$79,000 a cinema. Directed by Jason Reitman ("Juno"), Paramount's "Up in the Air" has earned great reviews and buzz as a potential Academy Awards front-runner.

— The Associated Press



# U.S. envoy in Seoul before N. Korea visit

**U.S. special envoy to North Korea Stephen Bosworth and South Korea's nuclear envoy Wi Sung-lac met at the Foreign Ministry in Seoul on Monday.**

CHOI BU-SEOK/AP



**By JAE-SOON CHANG**  
The Associated Press

SEOUL — President Barack Obama's special envoy held last-minute discussions on his upcoming trip to North Korea, huddling Monday with South Korean officials over how best to bring Pyongyang back to international nuclear talks, a Seoul official said.

Stephen Bosworth's three-day visit to Pyongyang, starting Tuesday, will include the first formal bilateral talks between the U.S. and the North since Obama took office in January. The two countries last met one-on-one on the

sidelines of now-stalled six-nation nuclear talks in Beijing in December 2008.

On Monday, Bosworth met with South Korea's chief nuclear envoy, Wi Sung-lac, to discuss the trip. He told Wi that the U.S. intentionally decided to start the North Korea trip from South Korea — a remark seen as meaning that the two allies are working closely together.

"It's not an accident. We intended that," Bosworth told Wi at the start of their meeting.

South Korean Foreign Ministry spokesman Moon Tae-young said various issues were dis-

cussed at the meeting, aimed at achieving the goal of Bosworth's trip: bringing North Korea back to the nuclear negotiating table, and getting the regime to recommit to denuclearization.

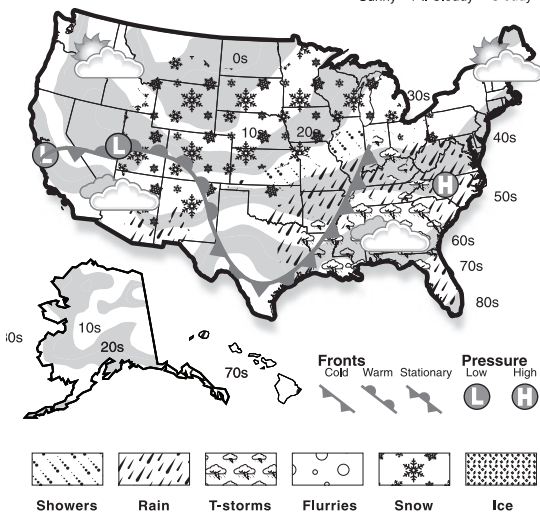
"For now, it is difficult to predict the outcome of his trip," Moon said. "We hope there will be good results, including North Korea's return" to the six-nation nuclear talks involving China, Japan, the two Koreas, the U.S. and Russia.

Moon said Bosworth also met with Foreign Minister Yu Myung-hwan and presidential security adviser Kim Sung-hwan.

## WEATHER OUTLOOK

### National forecast

Forecast highs for Tuesday, Dec. 8



### More wintry weather develops in the West

A major storm system will continue to produce heavy snowfall and strong winds in the Four Corners, while additional precipitation develops in California. A disturbance along the Gulf Coast will also spark active weather from Texas into the Southeast.

Weather Underground • AP

### Monday's global temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Amsterdam	53	44	rn	La Paz	75	36	pc
Athens	62	53	rn	Lima	76	65	cdy
Auckland	71	51	clr	Lisbon	64	60	rn
Baghdad	67	62	clr	London	55	44	rn
Basra	77	55	rn	Madrid	52	38	pc
Bahrain	72	69	rn	Managua	89	73	clr
Bangkok	86	69	pc	Manila	85	73	pc
Barbados	87	78	rn	Mecca	88	69	rn
Barcelona	61	43	clr	Melbourne	78	48	pc
Beijing	37	17	clr	Mexico City	73	53	pc
Beirut	67	59	rn	Montevideo	68	57	rn
Belgrade	45	39	rn	Montreal	34	21	sn
Berlin	46	35	rn	Moscow	24	23	sn
Bermuda	75	67	rn	Nairobi	79	60	pc
Bogota	69	46	rn	Nassau	84	75	rn
Brasilia	69	66	rn	New Delhi	78	59	clr
Brisbane	82	66	clr	Nice	58	46	pc
Brussels	54	46	rn	Osaka	53	46	clr
Bucharest	47	41	rn	Oslo	35	32	sn
Budapest	42	33	cdy	Panama	92	73	clr
Buenos Aires	65	53	pc	Paris	55	42	rn
Cairo	69	57	pc	Perth	50	63	clr
Calgary	6	-6	sn	Prague	46	34	rn
Caracas	86	76	clr	Rio de Janeiro	86	68	pc
Colombo	87	77	rn	Rome	53	41	clr
Copenhagen	44	40	rn	San Jose	81	64	clr
Dhahran	75	66	rn	San Juan	86	76	rn
Dhaka	81	62	clr	San Salvador	91	68	clr
Dili	90	74	clr	Santiago	80	52	pc
Dubai	80	66	clr	Sao Paulo	76	63	pc
Dublin	46	42	rn	Sapporo	48	34	sn
Frankfurt	50	40	rn	Seoul	32	19	rn
Geneva	49	33	pc	Singapore	86	75	rn
Guatemala	77	57	pc	Sofia	50	39	pc
Hanoi	77	62	pc	Stockholm	42	35	rn
Harare	73	62	pc	Sydney	79	66	clr
Havana	77	64	clr	Taipei	73	59	pc
Helsinki	35	33	sn	Tegucigalpa	82	64	pc
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Istanbul	58	51	rn	Tokyo	59	44	clr
Jakarta	89	75	rn	Turin	44	32	pc
Jerusalem	72	53	pc	Toronto	38	28	sn
Johannesburg	80	57	clr	Tunis	67	53	pc
Kabul	41	26	clr	Valletta	65	55	clr
Kiev	38	34	pc	Vancouver	40	30	clr
Kuala Lumpur	91	74	pc	Vienna	37	30	pc
Kuwait	75	62	pc	Warsaw	39	34	pc
				Zurich	46	30	rn

## WEDNESDAY'S FORECAST



The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

### Tuesday's U.S. temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	Casper	22	11	PCldy	Erie	47	37	Rain	Jacksonville	77	61	Rain	Montgomery	64	54	Rain	Richmond	58	36	Rain	Springfield, Ill.	43	35	Snow
Arlene, Tex.	42	31	Cldy	Charleston, S.C.	72	50	Rain	Eugene	49	33	PCldy	Juneau	37	33	Rain	Nashville	51	39	Rain	Roanoke	50	35	Rain	Springfield, Mo.	38	36	Snow
Akron, Ohio	47	33	Rain	Charleston, W.Va.	55	33	Rain	Evansville	48	36	Rain	Kansas City	38	32	Cldy	New Orleans	62	53	Rain	Rochester	49	34	Rain	Syracuse	48	32	Cldy
Albany, N.Y.	47	30	PCldy	Charlotte, N.C.	53	40	Rain	Fairbanks	10	6	Clr	Key West	83	75	Clr	New York City	52	37	PCldy	Rockford	40	30	Cldy	Tallahassee	69	55	Rain
Albuquerque	49	30	PCldy	Chattanooga	55	41	Rain	Fargo	26	19	Cldy	Knoxville	55	41	Rain	Newark	52	37	PCldy	Sacramento	62	34	Clr	Tampa	77	65	Rain
Allentown, Pa.	50	30	Cldy	Cheyenne	21	13	PCldy	Flagstaff	48	17	Clr	Lake Charles	58	46	Cldy	Norfolk, Va.	63	40	Rain	St. Louis	43	38	Snow	Toledo	47	33	Rain
Amarillo	36	23	Clr	Chicago	43	32	Cldy	Flint	44	34	Cldy	Lansing	48	35	Rain	North Platte	34	18	Cldy	St. Petersburg	76	67	Rain	Topeka	38	31	Cldy
Anchorage	30	24	Cldy	Cincinnati	45	34	Rain	Fort Smith	46	41	Rain	Las Vegas	63	41	Clr	Oklahoma City	43	31	Clr	St. Thomas	86	77	PCldy	Tucson	68	35	Clr
Asheville	49	38	Rain	Cleveland	48	37	Rain	Fort Wayne	44	33	Cldy	Lexington	47	37	Rain	Omaha	37	27	PCldy	Salem, Ore.	49	35	PCldy	Tulsa	45	37	Rain
Atlanta	58	45	Rain	Colorado Springs	26	18	Cldy	Fresno	62	40	Clr	Lincoln	37	26	Clr	Orlando	82	65	Rain	Salt Lake City	38	24	PCldy	Tupelo	52	43	Rain
Atlantic City	57	31	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	60	44	Rain	Goodland	32	19	PCldy	Little Rock	46	43	PCldy	Paducah	48	38	Rain	San Angelo	46	32	Cldy	Waco	48	37	Cldy
Austin	53	40	Cldy	Columbus, Ga.	65	50	Rain	Grand Junction	42	20	PCldy	Los Angeles	67	50	PCldy	Pendleton	38	25	Clr	San Antonio	56	44	Clr	Washington, D.C.	53	38	Rain
Baltimore	52	36	Rain	Columbus, Ohio	46	34	Rain	Grand Rapids	46	34	Rain	Louisville	48	37	Rain	Peoria	43	34	Cldy	San Diego	64	52	PCldy	W. Palm Beach	85	72	PCldy
Baton Rouge	57	48	Cldy	Concord, N.H.	48	25	PCldy	Great Falls	27	6	PCldy	Lubbock	42	28	Cldy	Philadelphia	54	35	Cldy	San Francisco	61	45	Clr	Wichita	39	34	Clr
Billings	30	14	PCldy	Corpus Christi	61	44	Clr	Green Bay	38	32	Cldy	Macon	65	49	Rain	Phoenix	68	46	Clr	San Jose	64	42	Clr	Wichita Falls	46	31	Cldy
Birmingham	58	53	Rain	Dallas-Ft. Worth	47	38	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	55	37	Rain	Madison	39	31	Cldy	Pittsburgh	50	34	Rain	Santa Fe	42	23	PCldy	Wilkes-Barre	51	32	Cldy
Bismarck	27	21	Cldy	Dayton	45	34	Rain	Harrisburg	48	33	Rain	Medford	47	28	Cldy	Pocatello	31	11	Clr	St. Ste Marie	38	31	Cldy	Wilmington, Del.	53	34	Cldy
Boise	41	23	Clr	Daytona Beach	85	65	Rain	Hartford Spgflld	49	30	PCldy	Memphis	50	43	Rain	Portland, Maine	47	28	PCldy	Savannah	71	53	Rain	Yakima	40	23	Clr
Boston	51	36	PCldy	Denver	29	17	Cldy	Helena	29	16	PCldy	Miami Beach	85	74	PCldy	Portland, Ore.	48	37	PCldy	Seattle	47	34	PCldy	Youngstown	46	32	Rain
Bridgeport	52	31	PCldy	Des Moines	37	30	PCldy	Honolulu	81	68	Clr	Midland-Odessa	45	31	Cldy	Providence	51	34	PCldy	Shreveport	52	47	Rain				
Brownsville	68	46	PCldy	Detroit	46	35	Cldy	Houston	55	43	Cldy	Milwaukee	43	34	Cldy	Pueblo	29	18	Cldy	Sioux City	33	25	PCldy				
Buffalo	49	34	Rain	Duluth	29	23	Snow	Huntsville	59	46	Rain	Mpls-St Paul	34	27	Snow	Raleigh-Durham	59	37	Rain	Sioux Falls	30	24	PCldy				
Burlington, Vt.	46	29	PCldy	El Paso	50	27	Clr	Indianapolis	45	36	Rain	Missoula	33	12	Clr	Rapid City	26	16	Clr	South Bend	44	34	Cldy				
Caribou, Maine	35	22	Cldy	Elkins	54	27	Rain	Jackson, Miss.	52	47	Rain	Mobile	64	53	Rain	Reno	51	25	Clr	Spokane	32	21	Clr				

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## Why can't God choose, too?

How can nonbelievers be offended by something that doesn't exist to them ("Part of God's plan?" letter, Dec. 4)? Everyone has choices, just like some choose not to believe. We choose to join the military, fight for our country, drink, smoke, work hard, show kindness, or not. God did not choose for us. He gave us the road map.

It is unfortunate that so many have had to die in these wars. But is God on the battlefield firing an AK (rifle) at us or blowing us up with bombs? No, it is another person with choices. Can God come in and protect those he wishes to? We can choose, why can't God?

So many people blame God for death, sadness and their failures, yet they don't even know him. People fail to realize even the strongest belief will not keep you from suffering. It may even increase it. If people would read the Bible, they would see the believer often suffers and is killed (yes, God lets believers die, too). Everyone will die at some point. But nonbelievers expect us to think that, if there was a God, he would not allow anyone to die in a war.

So when is God supposed to allow us to die? Are we all supposed to die in our sleep after a long life for there to be proof of God?

It is ridiculous to expect God to solve all of our problems, especially when we create them. Too many people expect heaven on Earth as a proof of God. The heaven part comes later. God did not create the problems of this world, man did. If you choose to blame God, please at least read the Bible, so you can correctly tell people about who God is and what he does.

Sgt. 1st Class Ronald Levi  
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## Uncertainty over convictions

Wow, I wonder who else sees the irony of an atheist ("Part of God's plan?" letter, Dec. 4) finding offensive a headline in Stars and Stripes ("Don't tell me there isn't a God,"

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article, Nov. 30). That just reeks of someone being uncertain of his convictions, or lack thereof.

It seems to me that, as a nonbeliever or unbeliever, one's concern for another's belief in "fairy tales," "mythology" or what have you, would rattle your ire no more than one's ardent belief that chocolate is better than vanilla. The writer of this protest goes on to state, "Those of us who choose to not believe. ..." Again, I find his indignation humorous, as one chooses to not do something. Belief being an action, one chooses to do something; in not believing something, he chooses nothing. He's only agreed with the nothing he believes in.

As a believer, I believe there is a lot of unrighteous indignation protested by a lot on both sides of the fence. It's all so exasperating.

The bottom line is, I believe the paper was quoting the young man and simply recording his feelings about the incident. To read into it a manifesto on divine inter-

vention and faith, I believe, demonstrates a frustration and uncertainty of the "choice" the letter writer made on the subject.

Sgt. 1st Class Dennis L. Pettitt  
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## The sovereignty of God

Regarding the Dec. 4 letter "Part of God's plan?": God has a perfect plan for every person's life, but he doesn't make us walk that path. We are free moral agents with the ability to choose. He has told us what the right choices are, but he doesn't make those choices for us. God gave us the power to control our destinies.

Man has been given the authority over his own life, but he must have the Lord's direction to succeed. Jeremiah 10:23 says, "O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps."

God created us to be dependent upon him, and our independence is at the root of all our problems. As if it weren't bad enough for man to try to run his affairs independently of God and his standards, it has been made even worse by religion teaching us that all our problems are actually blessings from God. That is a faith-killer. It makes people totally passive.

If a person really believed that God is the one who put sickness on them because he is trying to work something for good in their life, then they should not go to the doctor or take any medicine. That would be resisting God's plans. They should let the sickness run its course and thereby get the full benefit of God's correction. Of course, that is absurd. It is even more absurd to believe that God is the one behind the tragedy.

This is a fundamental doctrine of Christianity that must be understood properly if you want victory in your life. Believing that God controls everything renders a person passive. Why pray and believe for something better? Whatever God wants will come to pass. That simply is not true.

Staff Sgt. Mark Jennrich  
Camp Humphreys, South Korea

# Airline fines a victory for passengers

Miami Herald editorial

From the better late than never file: The federal government last month imposed its first penalties ever against the airline industry for a runway delay incident. Will wonders never cease?

These nightmarish episodes, in which passengers are left stranded in an aircraft for hours on end without being allowed to leave, have been going on for years. Every new instance prompts an outcry from the public but usually produces little more than a stern tsk-tsk from airline regulators.

The industry has promised to clean up its act, but absent a penalty there has been little incentive to improve performance. This time, however, the Transportation Department fined three airlines \$175,000 for leaving 47 passengers stranded in a jet

overnight in Rochester, Minn., in August.

The agency said Continental Airlines and a regional affiliate had deceived passengers by failing to live up to a promise on the airline Web site to let passengers exit the plane within three hours when facing an extended delay. Continental and its affiliate had the nerve to claim that such promises aren't enforceable, but they each agreed to pay \$50,000 anyway.

A third airline acting as ground handler for the stranded flight, Mesaba, agreed to pay a fine of \$75,000 for its role in the incident. The hapless passengers were kept on the plane from 12:30 a.m. to 6 a.m. despite pleas to be allowed to leave.

Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood called the fines "a signal to the rest of the airline industry that we expect airlines to respect the rights of air travelers." Those

are encouraging words for passengers, especially at the start of the holiday travel season, but there's a better way to put an end to this outrageous behavior by airlines: enacting a national set of standards to keep this from happening again.

The Airline Passengers Bill of Rights requires airlines to provide passengers with food, water, comfortable cabin temperature and clean restrooms while a plane is delayed on the ground. It gives passengers the right to exit safely if a boarded plane has sat on the tarmac for three hours. ...

DOT's new attitude on extended delays is a victory for passengers, but only a law can ensure consistent enforcement and better behavior by the airlines. The proposal should be moved to the floor of the Senate for a vote before the year's end.

By GARRY TRUDEAU





## Old cheese sells for \$50 per pound

**WI** MINERAL POINT — A 15-year-old cheddar made in Wisconsin, possibly the most mature cheese for sale in the country, is selling well despite the \$50-per-pound price tag, its producer said.

Hook's 15-year sharp cheddar, produced in 1994, went up for sale in a handful of outlets and has proven popular, said cheese maker Tony Hook.

"It started moving a lot faster than we expected," said Hook, 57, who — along with his wife and brother — runs Hook's Cheese Co in Mineral Point, Wis. "People have been so excited about it."

## Student charged in professor's death

**NY** VESTAL — A graduate student has been accused of fatally stabbing a 77-year-old Binghamton University anthropology professor.

Authorities say Abdulsalam al-Zahrani was charged with murder in the death of Richard T. Antoun.

Broome County District Attorney Gerald Mollen says Antoun knew al-Zahrani from school. He told The New York Times the two had known each other for "quite some time."

## Scientists: Red snapper recovering in Gulf

**LA** NEW ORLEANS — Fishermen are reeling in bigger and more mature red snapper — a sign that the overfished species is beginning to recover and tight regulations can be relaxed a bit, according to a new analysis.

Based on results of this year's annual survey of red snapper, released in New Orleans, a panel of scientists recommended allowing fishermen to catch more of the fish starting next year. The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, which sets fishing limits, will vote on the recommendation in February.

Roy Crabtree, the regional administrator for the National Marine Fisheries Service, said the assessment showed that overfishing has ended, but not that "red snapper has been rebuilt or recovered."

He said fishermen could expect quotas and catch limits on red snapper to be increased.

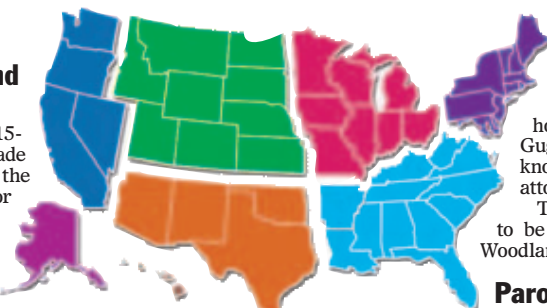
## Man reported car problems before crash

**CA** SAN DIEGO — A customer complained of gas-pedal problems with a dealership's loaner Lexus three days before the same car accelerated out of control and killed a California Highway Patrol officer and three family members, a report said.

Frank Bernard, 61, told investigators he told a receptionist at the El Cajon dealership that the gas pedal on the Lexus ES350 was sticking under the floor mat, the same problem that led to the deadly crash three days later on Aug. 28, said the report from the San Diego County Sheriff's Department.

Bernard said he was worried the receptionist didn't understand him and emphasized the problem.

"I think the mat caused it," Ber-



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nard remembered saying. "You need to tell someone."

The receptionist, Jessica Martin-Dunleavy, first told investigators she did not remember Bernard or any complaints, according to the report. In a subsequent interview she said she remembered an older couple saying the mat forced the car to accelerate.

## 1 shot in fight at Baltimore hotel

**MD** BALTIMORE — One man was shot in the face and another was severely beaten when a fight erupted early in the morning during a birthday party at a downtown Baltimore hotel, police said.

A woman had rented two adjoining hotel rooms for a birthday party with about 20 young adults when a fight broke out between two 19-year-old men, Raymond Woodland and Marquis Johnson, police said. It's unclear what started the fight, Baltimore police spokesman Anthony Guglielmi said.

Guglielmi said Woodland pulled out a Tech-9 semiautomatic machine pistol and fired one shot, striking Johnson in the face. Then two of Johnson's friends took the gun, held Woodland down and severely beat him, police said.

Woodland was in critical condition, while Johnson was in serious condition and expected to survive, Guglielmi said.

Woodland, who is on probation for earlier drug charges, was expected to be charged with at-

tempted murder, assault and illegal weapons charges when he's released from the hospital, Guglielmi said. Guglielmi said he didn't know if Woodland has an attorney.

Two men were expected to be charged with beating Woodland, Guglielmi said.

## Parole board doubles killer's sentence

**HI** LIHUE — A 58-year-old Kauai man sentenced to life in prison in 2001 for killing his wife by setting her on fire has had his parole minimum doubled to 120 years.

The Garden Island Newspaper reported that a legal wrinkle allowed Gregory Aguiar to request that the minimum he must serve be changed.

Paroling Authority Division Administrator Max Otani said that based on the nature of the offense and degree of loss the minimum was increased from 60 to 120 years after a hearing.

Miu Lan Esposo-Aguiar died in 2000, three weeks after she was doused in cleaning fluid and set aflame during a domestic quarrel at the couple's home.

## Woman charged in plot to kill rival's unborn child

**NY** NEW YORK — A New York City woman faces charges that she tricked her husband's pregnant mistress into taking a drug that would cause an abortion.

Police say Kisha Jones of Brooklyn used a doctor's prescription pad to order the medication, then phoned the victim pretending to be from her obstetrician's office.

The woman fell for the trick, took the drug and went into labor, authorities said. The baby was born two months early but survived.

Jones then tried again, according to prosecutors.

They said that, posing as the baby's mother, she sent a man to the hospital with bottles of tainted liquid, saying it was breast milk, and instructed nurses to feed it to the baby. Hospital staff grew suspicious and called police.

Jones, 31, was arraigned on charges including forgery, possession of stolen property and assault.

## \$350M grant awarded for 'clean' coal plant

**TX** ODESSA — The federal Department of Energy has awarded a \$350 million grant to a company that plans to build a more environmentally friendly coal-fired plant in West Texas.

Summit Texas Clean Energy LLC of Bainbridge Island, Wash., is pitching a \$1.7 billion plant capable of producing 400 megawatts, enough to power 400,000 homes.

The department announced its decision recently, two years after the Midland-Odessa area lost out on a similar project called FutureGen. Officials used the legwork from that proposal to boost their latest bid.

Summit has said its plant would capture about 90 percent of the carbon dioxide produced in coal-fired plants. The captured greenhouse gases would be sold to help the drilling process in the oil-rich Permian Basin.



**Too cold for Santa Claus** Nick Knight takes the Polar Plunge in Lake Elmo in Billings, Mont. Participants jumped through a hole in the ice on a snowy day to raise money for Special Olympics.



**Next stop: Indiana** Families watch as soldiers of the Vermont National Guard stand during a deployment ceremony in Burlington, Vt. More than 300 members of the Vermont National Guard headed off for training in Indiana before their deployment to Afghanistan.



**Religious message** Chris Anderson walks along Northwest Boulevard in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, dressed as Jesus Christ.



## Sign of support

**Corey Conway gets a tattoo of the pink ribbon that is the icon for breast cancer at a shop in Augusta, Maine. Conway's mother has been diagnosed with breast cancer and he is showing support.**





Still holding on Kelly Timberman competes during the bareback riding event at the National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas.



Their special cause Marines carry stockings full of candy canes in Staunton, Va. Santa Claus, accompanied by several Marines from Lynchburg, arrived at the Amtrak station in Staunton to receive the key to the city from Mayor Lacey King as part of the Toys for Tots program.

Kaiser to pay \$3.75M in false billing case

**CA** SAN FRANCISCO — Four Kaiser health care companies have agreed to pay \$3.75 million to settle allegations they improperly billed for teaching physicians' services. Federal prosecutors said from 1996 through 2002 Kaiser falsely billed Medicare and Medicaid for services the companies said had been provided by teaching physicians. The government alleges the services were actually provided by resident physicians without a teaching physician's supervision. Kaiser voluntarily disclosed the misconduct to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office.

Oysters recalled after diners get sick

**TX** AUSTIN — State officials have recalled all oysters harvested from San Antonio Bay on the Texas coast after people in two other states were sickened by norovirus after consuming them. Oysters harvested in the bay between Nov. 16 and 25 are included in the recall, the Texas Department of State Health Services said. Consumers were being told to dispose of them. The Texas agency received reports that about a dozen people in North Carolina and South Carolina have gotten sick with norovirus after consuming the oysters. State health officials in those states, with assistance from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, are investigating. Noroviruses are a group of viruses that cause gastroenteritis. Norovirus typically is not life threatening and does not generally cause long-term effects. There have been no reports of sickness in Texas due to the oysters.

\$460K bid gets 1860 Pony Express envelope

**NY** NEW YORK — A rare envelope postmarked on the first day of the Pony Express has been sold for \$460,000 in a public auction in New York. The envelope was among 63 Pony Express items sold on by Robert A. Siegel Auction Galleries. It's one of three known surviving covers postmarked April 3, 1860, the day the service began carrying mail by horseback across the continental U.S. The collection of stamps and envelopes was owned by 88-year-old Thurston Twigg-Smith, the publisher of The Honolulu Advertiser in Hawaii from 1961 to 1993. The entire collection sold for \$4 million. The Pony Express lasted 19 months, shuttling mail 1,900 miles between Missouri and California. It became obsolete with the first transcontinental telegraph in October 1861.

Mountaintop mining fight gains ground slowly

**WV** MORGANTOWN — Mountaintop removal mining seems tailor-made to stoke national public outrage, but environmentalists who oppose the practice have yet to mobilize millions in the fight. They've made major gains the

past year, persuading regulators and politicians to take a closer look. But consumers who are plugged in to affordable electricity are not debating mountaintop mining at the dinner table. West Virginia activist Bo Webb says they should: He sees mountaintop removal as corporate greed that puts profits before people.

Tucson man dies after parachuting from tower

**AZ** CASA GRANDE — Authorities say a Tucson man has died after parachuting from a cell phone tower at night and hitting high-voltage power lines. Pinal County sheriff's Lt. Tamatha Villar says Darrell Dunafon, 23, and two friends broke into a cell tower site about 30 miles south of Phoenix and were parachuting off the approximately 400-foot-tall antennae. Dunafon's parachute became tangled in nearby 12,000-volt power lines and he was shocked with a live wire.

Blackfeet sign oil exploration agreement

**MT** BROWNING — An official says the Blackfeet Tribe in northwestern Montana has signed the largest oil exploration agreement in the tribe's history. Oil and Gas Manager Grinnell Day Chief says the tribe signed an agreement with Houston-based Newfield Production Co. to allow test wells in the middle of the reservation. Day Chief says the company will be drilling horizontal wells into the Bakken Formation and other formations. New drilling technology has made the Bakken Formation one of the nation's hottest oil exploration areas in recent years. Day Chief declined to give the dollar amount of the agreement. But he says it's larger than a \$5 million agreement the tribe signed with another company.

End near for historic Rock of Ages church

**MN** ST. PAUL — The end is near for the Rock of Ages. The historic but structurally unsound Frogtown church was declared a nuisance building earlier this year by the city of St. Paul. The small congregation that owns the building, Rock of Ages Missionary Baptist Church, lacks the money to fix it, a project estimated to cost from \$250,000 to well over \$1 million. So the city has hired a contractor to tear down the building, which has been vacant for about four years, before it falls down. Preliminary work for the demolition has begun. City officials expect the building to be gone by mid-January. It's a sad end for a house of worship that served in three centuries, survived a fire and housed five different congregations reflecting the changing demographics of the Frogtown neighborhood. Stories and photos from wire services



# Horoscope

A lucky arrangement of the Sagittarian sun and Mars in Leo will not be exact until tomorrow, but its effect can already be felt and will last for days to come. There is luck with creating presentations, most of which won't be too formal. You'll simply think about how you want to come across and your desired result. And then you'll make it happen.

## TODAY'S BIRTHDAY

**(Dec. 9).** Your public persona will sparkle. As you apply your charming talents to daily life, you will enchant and delight those around you. Make sure to capitalize on the lucky breaks you get this month and there will be more of them in June. May brings an important professional achievement. Adventure calls in September. Cancer and Pisces people adore you.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19).** On a day like this, you're just not in the mood to share the intimate details of your soul — or any of your germs, for that matter. So it's air kisses all around. Loud, obvious affection serves as a shield against the quiet sappy kind.

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20).** Knowing how to relax is important. This can be a discipline in itself, and today you can afford to approach it as such. See how much fun you can have. The afternoon will bring a nice change of pace.

**GEMINI (May 21-June 21).** A happy melody is singing in your ears today. Whether it's something familiar or something you've never heard, it's a gift from the cosmos, come to lighten your spirits.

**CANCER (June 22-July 22).** You face a difficult problem, the type you shouldn't try to figure out all in one day. It's best just to sleep on it. It will be there tomorrow and might have untangled itself without any effort on your part.

**LEO (July 23-Aug. 22).** Some things you just can't hold on to, but that's OK. Happy times, like the mo-

ments you take part in today, will live on in your mind. Take pictures and save mementos to sweeten your memories.

**VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22).** Many try to make beauty look effortless; few succeed in pulling it off. It's hard for you not to look put-together. Even if you're just sneaking out to the coffee shop in sweats, you manage to turn heads.

**LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23).** You accept security when it's offered to you today, but you won't be inclined to take it too seriously. You can always count on yourself to do what you have to do to get by — and that's real security.

**SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21).** You'll stand in a crowd of people, most of them total strangers, and feel as comfortable as can be. A natural at making conversation, you also are well versed in creating spontaneous fun.

**SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21).** Your wish for a change of venue is about to be granted. You might not be presented with the opportunity you were expecting, but it will be the right one for you.

**CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19).** You will display your talent for responding to every obstacle with serenity and good will. This makes you something of an unintentional conqueror. Nothing seems to get to you. Foes fall without feeling attacked.

**AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18).** Your insistence on sticking to the point will win you friends and fans. No one likes a windbag who goes on and on about something no one cares about. You understand that brevity is the soul of wit.

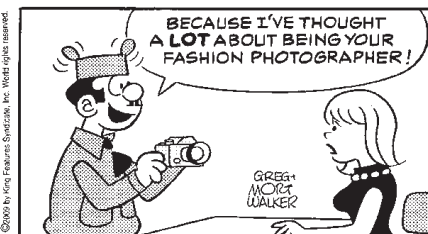
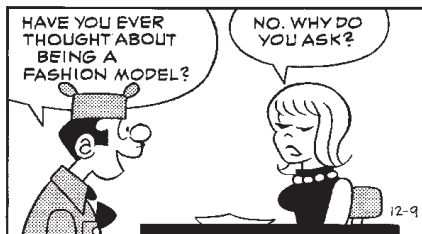
**PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).** There is no shame in consulting an expert when confronted with an issue outside your field of knowledge. In fact, it's a sign of good leadership. A worthy candidate will cross your path. Have your questions ready.

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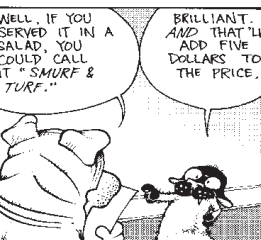
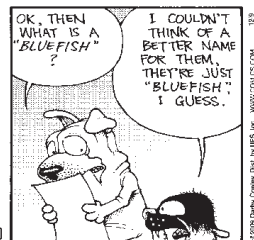
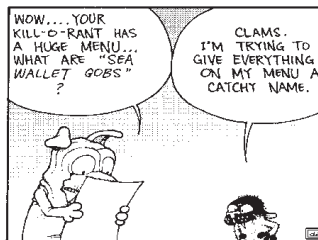
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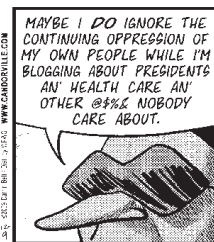
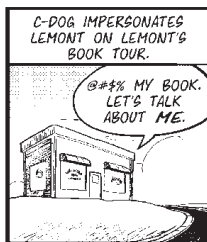
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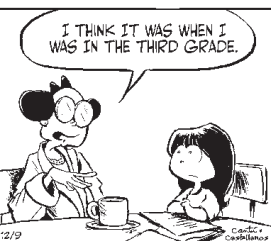
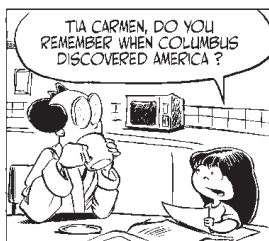
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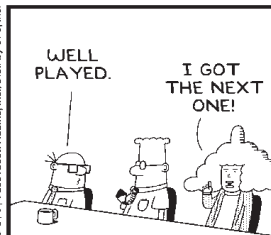
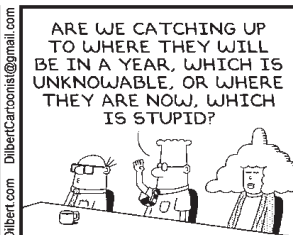
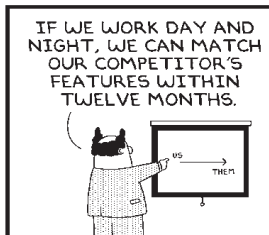
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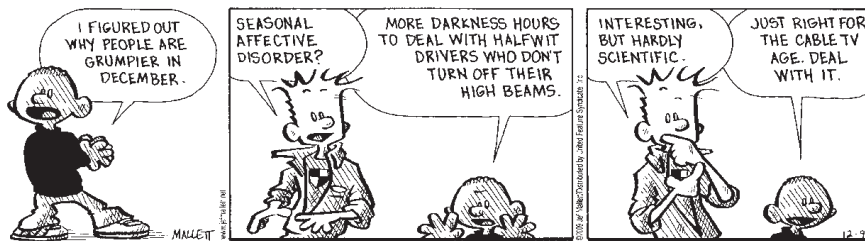
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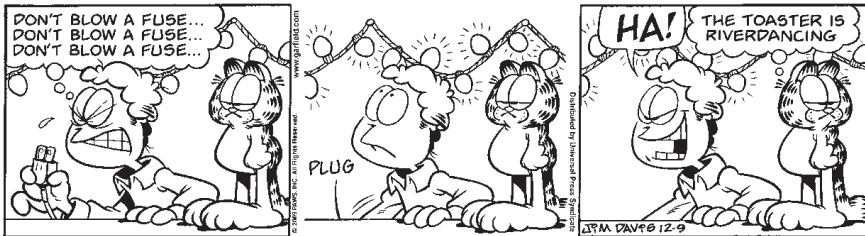
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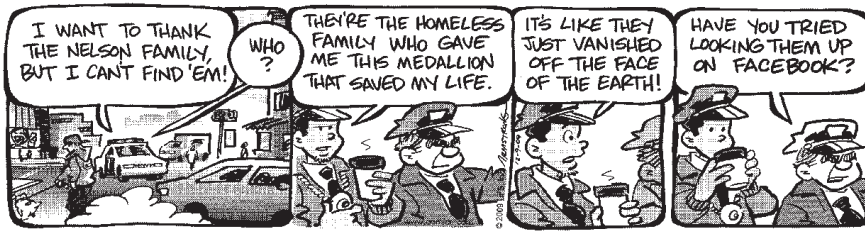
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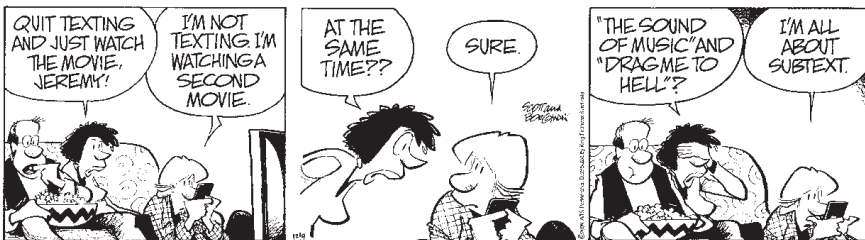
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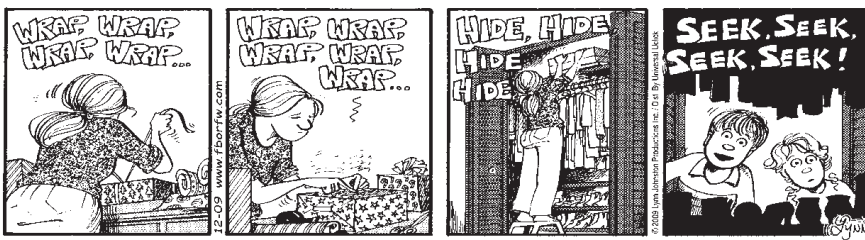
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# Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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## ACROSS

- 1 Lecture hall VIP
- 5 English channel?
- 8 Showroom sample
- 12 "The Music Man" locale
- 13 "Go, team!"
- 14 "Ars Amatoria" poet
- 15 From now on
- 17 Fix
- 18 It had a big part in the Bible
- 19 Adheres
- 21 Not Rep. or Dem.
- 22 "Critique of Pure Reason" author
- 23 Raw rock
- 26 Einstein's birthplace
- 28 Had the skills
- 31 Made on a loom
- 33 Addressee
- 35 Aforementioned
- 36 "Psycho" star Janet
- 38 Choose
- 40 Say it's okay
- 41 Stentorian
- 43 Suture
- 45 Less of a mess
- 47 Popular sport fish
- 51 Big fusses
- 52 Assess
- 54 Encounter
- 55 Melody

## DOWN

- 56 Young lice
- 57 Links stats
- 58 Citi Field player
- 59 Cavern, poetically
- 1 Lakeside structure
- 2 Wander
- 3 As yet unpaid
- 4 Language of Iran
- 5 In general terms
- 6 Tavern
- 7 Payment method
- 8 Papa John's rival
- 9 Ultimately resulting
- 10 Chinese dynasty
- 11 Toteboard information
- 16 Restaurant list
- 20 Fond du —, Wis.
- 23 Hooter
- 24 Fish eggs
- 25 Villain
- 26 Cattle call?
- 29 Recline
- 30 Banned bug killer
- 32 The Me Generation?
- 34 Parvenu
- 37 Coloration
- 39 Blue shade
- 42 Reverie
- 44 Twisted
- 45 Pack down
- 46 Notion
- 48 Twosome
- 49 "Beetle Bailey" dog
- 50 Egg container?
- 53 Complete

## Answer to Previous Puzzle

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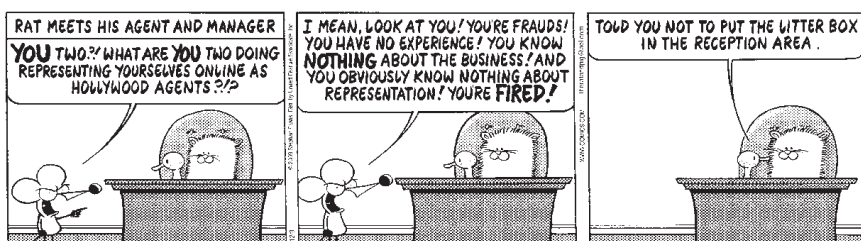
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Yesterday's Cryptoquip: AT THE DEMOLITION COMPANY, I RECENTLY HEARD SOME EMPLOYEES MIGHT ORGANIZE TO DEMAND A RAZE.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: E equals Y





# AFN Television Schedule

Updated sports listings are available on AFN's Web site at [www.myafn.net](http://www.myafn.net)

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2009

	AFN/prime Atlantic	AFN/family	AFN/movie	AFN/news	AFN/prime Pacific	PENTAGON	AFN/spectrum	AFN/sports	AFN/xtra
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funnist Home Videos	(2:45) Movie "The Adventures of Baron Munchausen" (1989, Fantasy) John Neville, Eric Idle, Sarah Polley.	Your World With Neil Cavuto	Days of our Lives	AFN Europe Report	Design Remix	SportsCenter	Sports
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals	(3:50) Pokémon	The Rachel Maddow Show	Oprah Winfrey	EXchange on Air	Curb Appeal	SportsCenter	
16:00	Sesame Street	(4:40) Zatch Bell				Fit For Duty	MythBusters "Exploding Bumper"		
16:30						Battleground			
17:00	The View	The Fairly OddParents	Movie Mob	Around the Services	Wheel of Fortune	Today's Air Force	King of the Hill	Sports	X Play
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja	At the Movies	Tavis Smiley	Jeopardy!	Recon	That '70s Show		Yo Momma
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants	Hollywood Dailies	Nightly Business Report	World News-Gibson	Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
18:30		Hannah Montana	Entertainment Tonight	Nightline	Around the Services	Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	True Jackson, VP	Movie "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman.	The O'Reilly Factor	Carrie Underwood: An All-Star Holiday Special	Week-Pentagon	Shark Tank		WWE Monday Night RAW
19:30		Naturally, Sadie			Singer performs holiday songs.	FNG Useful benefits.			With Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler.
20:00	Access Hollywood	Kyle XY "This Is Not a Test"		Countdown With Keith Olbermann		Briefing Encore	Lie to Me "Moral Waiver"		
20:30	The King of Queens		(4:45) Movie "The Third Wish" (2005) Jenna Mattison. "Change Partners"	Today	The Jay Leno Show	Fit For Duty	Castle "Hell Hath No Fury"		Bully Beatdown
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Beverly Hills, 90210				Recon Revisited			Bully Beatdown
21:30		"Change Partners"							
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: TNG	(3:55) Movie "Tombstone" (1993, Western) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.	Today	Pacific Report	Around the Services	Seinfeld		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
22:30		Strange Days			The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Pacific Report	Friends		
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "That Touch of Bink"		America's Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Briefing Encore	Daily Show- Jon Stewart	Sports	Attack of the Show!
23:30						USARJ This Week	The Colbert Report		

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00:00	Oprah Winfrey	True Jackson, VP	(10:35) Movie "Tombstone" (1993) Kurt Russell, Val Kilmer.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	The Grill Sergeants	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		Naturally, Sadie			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange			
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Kyle XY "This Is Not a Test"	(12:55) Movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" (1962, Drama) Gregory Peck, Mary Badham. A lawyer defends an innocent black man for rape in 1930s Alabama.	MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	This Week in the Pentagon	Top Chef "Leftovers" The field is narrowed down.		X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	House An environmental activist collapses at a protest.	Fit For Duty	Supernatural Sam and Dean investigate a haunted house.		Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News	Beverly Hills, 90210	(2:25) Movie "Hancock" (2008, Action) Will Smith, Charlize Theron, Jason Bateman.	Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Recon	Close to Home "Dead or Alive"		The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	"Change Partners"		MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Seinfeld		Family Guy
3:00	Carrie Underwood: An All-Star Holiday Special	Degrassi: Next Generation	(1:10) Movie "The Third Wish" (2005) Jenna Mattison, Sean Maguire. A book grants three wishes to an aspiring writer.			Downrange	State Dept Briefing		WWE Monday Night RAW
3:30	Singer performs holiday songs.	Strange Days-Blake Holsey				Today's Air Force	Friends		With Michael Cole and Jerry Lawler.
4:00		7th Heaven "That Touch of Bink"				Recon Revisited		Sports	
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Namaste Yoga		Bully Beatdown
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies Children paint.	(1:10) Movie "The Third Wish" (2005) Jenna Mattison, Sean Maguire. A book grants three wishes to an aspiring writer.	Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	Bully Beatdown
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Giada at Home		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
6:00	Headline News	Sesame Street		The Situation Room With Wolf Blitzer	Good Morning America	Army Newswatch	Cooking-Sandra Lee	Jim Rome Is Burning	Attack of the Show!
6:30	The Tonight Show With Conan O'Brien	Bear in the Big Blue House	Movie Mob	Glenn Beck	Good Morning America	Downrange	El News Entertainment news.	Around the Horn	
7:00						Around the Services	The Daily 10	Pardon the Interruption	MTV Hits Playlist
7:30	Late Show With David Letterman	Raggs	At the Movies			Briefing Encore	ER "Scoop and Run"	SportsCenter	
8:00		Dora the Explorer	Hollywood Dailies		Sesame Street	FNG Useful benefits.	Desperate Housewives		
8:30	The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	Entertainment Tonight		The View	Fit For Duty		Sports	Sports
9:00		The Backyardigans	Movie "The Ballad of Lucy Whipple" (2001, Drama) Glenn Close, Jena Malone.		Dr. Phil	Around the Services	Grey's Anatomy "Wish You Were Here"		
9:30	Judge Judy	Curious George				Recon Revisited	Judge Judy		
10:00	House An environmental activist collapses at a protest.	Peep and Big Wide	(4:45) Movie "Broken Lullaby" (1994) Mel Harris, Rob Stewart. A woman's search for her aunt's ancestry leads to danger.		The Dr. Oz Show	State Dept Briefing	Judge Alex		
10:30		Super Why!				AFN Europe Report	CSI: Crime Scene Investigation		
11:00	Oprah Winfrey	Curious George	(3:35) Movie "Secret Santa" (2003, Drama) Jennie Garth. A cynical reporter searches for a mysterious philanthropist.		Access Hollywood	Recon	Challenge		
11:30		The Backyardigans			The King of Queens	Fit For Duty			
12:00	Dr. Phil	Ni Hao, Kai-lan	(20) Movie "Contact" (1997, Science Fiction) Jodie Foster, Matthew McConaughey, James Woods. A scientist seeks alien life in deep space.	Special Report With Bret Baier	The Young and the Restless	Battleground			
12:30		Dora the Explorer		Campbell Brown	General Hospital	Around the Services	Emeril Live		
13:00	CBS Evening News	Raggs				Briefing Encore			
13:30	ESPNNEWS	Bear in the Big Blue House			Days of our Lives	Downrange	Ground Breakers	SportsCenter	Sports
14:00	The FOX Report With Shepard Smith	Sesame Street			Oprah Winfrey	Fit For Duty	Color Splash		
14:30						Battleground	MythBusters "Banana Slip, Double Dip"	SportsCenter	
15:00	NBC Nightly News	Funnist Home Videos				The American Veteran	King of the Hill		X Play
15:30	World News-Gibson	Planet's Funniest Animals				Recon Revisited	That '70s Show "Ramble On"		Yo Momma
16:00	Sesame Street	(3:50) Pokémon				Around the Services	Daily Show- Jon Stewart		The Simpsons
16:30		(4:40) Zatch Bell				Downrange	The Colbert Report		Family Guy "Petegeist"
17:00	The View	(0:5) The Fairly OddParents				Fit For Duty	Homeland Security USA		The Ultimate Fighter
17:30		Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles				Today's Air Force			
18:00	Dr. Phil	SpongeBob SquarePants				Briefing Encore	Southern Belles: Louisville "Facing Our Differences"		Run's House
18:30		Hannah Montana				Fit For Duty	The Mentalist "Ladies in Red"		Harlem Heights
19:00	The Dr. Oz Show	Frosty the Snowman				Air Force Football			Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
19:30		A Charlie Brown Christmas					Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part I"		SportsNation Colin Cowherd and Michelle Beadle.
20:00	Access Hollywood	Movie "Christmas in Wonderland" (2007) Matthew Knight. Kids find a sack of counterfeit money in a Canadian mall.					Friends		Attack of the Show!
20:30	The King of Queens	Movie "Christmas in Wonderland" (2007) Matthew Knight. Kids find a sack of counterfeit money in a Canadian mall.					Daily Show- Jon Stewart		
21:00	The Young and the Restless	Strange Days-Blake Holsey					The Colbert Report		
21:30		7th Heaven "Dick"							
22:00	General Hospital	Degrassi: Next Generation							
22:30		Strange Days-Blake Holsey							
23:00	Days of our Lives	7th Heaven "Dick"							
23:30									

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2009

00:00	Oprah Winfrey	Frosty the Snowman	(11:00) Movie "Ring" (2002) Naomi Watts, Martin Henderson.	Newsroom	Late Show W/Letterman	Tour of Duty	Late Night With Jimmy Fallon	(11:00) Sports	MTV Hits Playlist
00:30		A Charlie Brown Christmas			The Late Late Show With Craig Ferguson	Downrange	Cane "Family Business"		
1:00	Wheel of Fortune	Movie "Christmas in Wonderland" (2007) Matthew Knight. Kids find a sack of counterfeit money in a Canadian mall.		MSNBC Live	Judge Judy	EXchange on Air			X Play
1:30	Jeopardy!			Happening Now	House "House Divided"	Fit For Duty	Ghost Whisperer "Pieces of You"		Yo Momma
2:00	Headline News					Today's Air Force			The Simpsons
2:30	ATS/AFN Report	Degrassi: Next Generation				Around the Services	Psych "Ghosts"		Family Guy "Petegeist"
3:00	American Dad	Strange Days-Blake Holsey		Newsroom	Oprah Winfrey	Downrange			The Ultimate Fighter
3:30	Family Guy	7th Heaven "Dick"				This Week in the Pentagon			
4:00	Hawthorne "Trust Me"			MSNBC Live	Dr. Phil	The Grill Sergeants	Seinfeld "The Pilot, Part I"		Run's House
4:30						State Dept Briefing	Friends		Harlem Heights
5:00	The Jay Leno Show	Teletubbies "Lambs"		Studio B With Shepard Smith	Final Score	Battleground	Namaste Yoga		Rock of Love With Bret Michaels
5:30		Rolie Polie Olie			Headline News	Around the Services	Total Body Sculpt With Gilad	College Football Live	

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Yokota - 1992 Eunros Roadster (Mazda Miata). Red with black convertible top. 1.6L 4 cyl, Automatic, PW, AC, CD/MP3 Player with Aux-in. 97K Km. JCI good till Mar 2011 \$1500 OBO 267-6312

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Yokota, Japan - 1991 Chevrolet Silverado it pains me to sell this truck as I love it so much PCS difficulties forcing sale. This truck has a 100 plate, so JCI is every year. Turns heads everywhere I drive, \$5,500 w/ 20" wheels 78, XXX miles 3" cat-back exhaust w/ Flow master 10 series muffler Bell tech 5/7 static drop Shaved taillights Corvette ZR-1 taillights in FRP 20x9 Status Dynasty wheels Brand new 255/45R20 Wanky tires Trader Top fiberglass tonneau cover Set of 4 black 15x7 Daytona wheels with 255/65R15 Michelin tires JCI until Nov. 2010 Asking \$7000 OBO Please email mv4slayer@aol.com or call Nick 080-3696-3998

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Yokota, Japan - 1992 Toyota Corolla II. Excellent condition no problems since I bought it 3 years ago. A/C works great w/ CD player Very dependable. Perfect car for off base narrow streets. Best car out there! JCI due Dec 2010. Must sell immediately Asking \$900 I will post a picture soon. Please email rolnie.maguindang@yokota.af.mil or call 323-336-7568

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Yokota, Japan - 1998 Toyota Hi Lux Surf (4Runner) Very Clean, silver on blue. 4Cyl, JCI ex, 48,000km, new tires. Inspection Nov 2011, JCI Dec 2011, carry anything, go anywhere. 080-1165-4165 mobile. 243-2878 base. Make offer. Yokosuka Asking \$ 425000 Please email tommski@yahoo.com or call Thomas Sinclair 080-1165-4165

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Honda Inspire (Accord) Awesome Car but have short notice assignment so must sell. 104K. Automatic, custom stereo, everything works-JCI until Sep 2011 Asking \$12,000 Please contact Randy Richert (763) 354-3566

Yokota, Japan - 1995 Subaru impreza Wagon WRX Make (EGF8) Engine: E200 Boxer Turbo Year: 4 Door Very Spacious! Really Quick! Clean! Brand New Tires. 19500 R16 Wheels. Black Matte Painted "Speed lines" Just Changed Oil New Kenwood CD-player with i-Pod connection option Mods: Greddy Boost Controller FCD Bumper Strut Bar Full Cat-back Exhaust JCI Magic Fuel-JCI Adjustable Suspension Greddy Intake Greddy Blow-off (not installed) Greddy Boost Controller FCD (Fuel Cut Chip) Greddy Boost Gauge. Asking \$3000 OBO Please email wright.christian.e@hotmail.com or call 090-1800-0491

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Yokota, Japan - 1995 Toyota Rav4 for sale. New Timing belt. Good paint and good interior with a few scratches and dings Room for 4. Large cargo area 243-2878 base. Make offer. JCI until July 2011 asking \$2250 Please email reganvnasi@yahoo.com or email (415) 692-8286

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Yokota, Japan - 2000 Nissan Bassara, 7 passenger Van, Navi, TV 2000 captain's chairs 1 and 2nd row with adjustable arm rests. Keyless entry with 2 remotes and 2 keys, CD/Navigation TV system, Drp Jan 2011 asking \$12,000 Please contact Randy Richert (763) 354-3566

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Yokota, Japan - 2003 Yamaha dirt bike for sale! 125cc Asking \$1300 Please 090-6701-6316

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## College basketball roundup

## Heading south in Westwood

## No. 1 Kansas hands UCLA fourth straight loss

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Markief Morris scored 19 points as No. 1 Kansas pulled away in the second half to beat UCLA 73-61 on Sunday, sending the Bruins to their fourth straight loss.

Xavier Henry added 16 points and Sherron Collins 14 for the Jayhawks (7-0), who led throughout although UCLA did close within four early in the second half.

"They've had a lot of deflections to the NBA and it's hard to keep reloading," Kansas coach Bill Self said after his first visit to Pauley Pavilion. "We're going to look back on this game in February and be very proud because they're going to get better and better."

Michael Roll scored 16 points and Nikola Dragovic 14 for the Bruins (2-5), who haven't lost four in a row since 2003-04, coach Ben Howland's first season in Westwood.

"The whole team showed a lot of fight," Howland said. "If we keep doing that, we'll end up winning more of these games."

The last time the schools met was in the 2007 NCAA tournament, when UCLA won by 13 on the way to its second of three straight Final Four appearances.

Collins' jumper gave Kansas its largest lead of the first half at 29-16. The Bruins closed to 35-28 at halftime and outscored Kansas 6-3 to start the second half to get within 38-34.

The defeat capped a rocky week for the struggling Bruins, who lost forward Drew Gordon when he quit the team. The sophomore averaged 11.2 points and 5.3 rebounds.

"We played really hard. We're fighting as a unit now," Roll said. "We had it down to four and they made a quick push to get it back up. Their bigs are very talented and they spread us out and beat us up down low."

**No. 3 Villanova 95, Maryland 86:** At Washington, D.C., Scottie Reynolds scored 25 points and Corey Fisher 20 for Villanova (8-0) in the BB&T Classic.

The Wildcats launched a school-record 39 threes and made 16, one off the school mark. Corey Stokes made five of 11 from beyond the arc and finished with 18 points.

The Wildcats also ruled the boards, finishing with a 45-33 rebounding advantage.

Sean Mosley scored 26 points for Maryland (5-3) on 11-for-14 shooting, freshman Jordan Williams had 19 points and 12 re-

bounds, and Eric Hayes scored 20, aided by five three-pointers.

**No. 12 Washington 88, Cal St. Northridge 76:** Isaiah Thomas scored 13 of his 21 points from the foul line and Quincy Pondexter added 20 points as Washington bounced back from its first loss.

The Huskies (6-1) sputtered at times three nights after a frenetic overtime defeat at Texas Tech in their only road game so far. Northridge (4-4) led by five early and 48-47 with 15 minutes left before Washington went on a 17-2 run to take control.

Lenny Daniel scored 24 points for the Matadors. Leading scorer Kenny Daniels was in foul trouble and had just seven points after scoring 39 in a victory over Idaho on Thursday.

**Idaho 68, No. 25 Portland 48:** Kashif Watson scored 15 points as Idaho (5-2) handed Portland (5-3) its second straight loss since entering the national rankings for the first time in 50 years.

Luke Sikma scored 11 for Portland, which lost 86-82 against Portland State on Wednesday.

The Vandals led 34-18 at the half, then went on a 14-2 run shortly after intermission.

## Sports briefs

## Herzog, Harvey in baseball Hall of Fame

The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Whitey Herzog, who managed St. Louis to three NL pennants and the 1982 World Series title, and umpire Doug Harvey were elected Monday to the baseball Hall of Fame by the Veterans Committee.

Herzog, who managed from 1973 to 1990, and Harvey, who worked five World Series during a 31-year career, will be enshrined in Cooperstown, N.Y., on July 25.

**Sources: IOC to keep Jones' 100-meter gold from Thanou**

LONDON — Officials with direct knowledge of the plan said Monday the IOC is ready to re-allocate the individual Olympic medals stripped from Marion Jones for doping — but will withhold the 100-meter gold from another drug-tainted athlete.

The officials spoke to The Associated Press on Monday on condition of anonymity because the decision hadn't been announced.

Jones won three golds and two bronzes in the 2000 Games.

The IOC won't give the 100 gold to disgraced Greek sprinter Katerina Thanou because she was at the center of another drug scandal in the 2004 Athens Olympics.

**Virginia hires Richmond coach**

CHARLOTTESVILLE, Va. — Virginia hired Richmond's Mike

London as its football coach on Monday, replacing Al Groh, who was fired after his ninth team finished 3-9.

## Kansas still No. 1

NEW YORK — Kansas, Texas and Villanova held the top three spots in The Associated Press college basketball poll for the second straight week Monday.

The Jayhawks (7-0), who beat Alcorn State and UCLA last week, were again a runaway choice at No. 1, receiving all but three first-place votes from the 65-member national media panel.

Texas (6-0), which beat Southern California in its only game last week, and Villanova (8-0), which beat Drexel and Maryland, each received one first-place vote.

Kentucky (8-0), which beat then-No. 10 North Carolina on Saturday, was fourth, switching places with Purdue (7-0). The Boilermakers beat Wake Forest and Buffalo last week.

West Virginia, Syracuse, which got the other No. 1 vote, Duke, Tennessee and Florida rounded out the top 10.

**Vonn 0.03 shy of 3rd straight**

LAKE LOUISE, Alberta — Lindsey Vonn's bid for three World Cup victories in three days came up just 0.03 seconds short on Sunday, when she was edged

by Elisabeth Goergl of Austria in the super-G.

Goergl was timed in 1 minute, 21.91 seconds to edge Vonn, the two-time World Cup overall champion who won downhill races contested Friday and Saturday.

Ingrid Jacquemod of France was third in 1:22.53.

In other winter sports news:

■ Carlo Janka of Switzerland completed the best weekend of his skiing life Sunday by winning his third race in as many days, a giant slalom at Beaver Creek, Colo. Janka won the super combined on Friday, the downhill on Saturday and the GS on Sunday by 0.47 seconds over Austria's Benjamin Raich. American Ted Ligety was fourth.

## Furyk wins Challenge

THOUSAND OAKS, Calif. — Jim Furyk ended more than two years without a victory when he holed key putts on the final two holes Sunday for a 5-under 67 and a one-shot victory in the Chevron World Challenge. Furyk finished at 13-under 275 for a one-shot victory over Graeme McDowell, who replaced tournament host Tiger Woods in the 18-man field. McDowell shot 70 and his second-place finish moved him up to No. 38 in the world ranking and virtually assured him a spot in the Masters.

## NHL scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Pittsburgh	30	20	9	1	41	97	80		
New Jersey	27	19	7	1	39	78	61		
N.Y. Rangers	29	14	14	1	29	83	88		
N.Y. Islanders	29	11	11	7	29	76	89		
Philadelphia	26	13	12	1	27	79	76		
Northeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Boston	29	15	9	5	35	76	72		
Buffalo	26	16	8	2	34	73	59		
Ottawa	28	14	10	4	32	83	87		
Montreal	29	13	14	2	28	73	86		
Toronto	28	8	13	7	23	78	102		
Southeast Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Washington	29	18	5	6	42	108	82		
Atlanta	26	15	8	3	38	87	73		
Tampa Bay	28	11	9	8	30	74	82		
Florida	29	11	13	5	27	80	100		
Carolina	28	6	17	5	17	67	103		

## Western Conference

Central Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Chicago	28	18	7	3	39	85	64		
Nashville	29	16	11	2	34	73	80		
Detroit	29	14	10	5	33	83	82		
Columbus	29	13	11	5	31	89	105		
St. Louis	27	12	12	3	29	70	73		
Northwest Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
Calgary	28	18	7	3	39	86	69		
Colorado	31	16	9	6	38	94	95		
Vancouver	29	16	13	0	32	91	75		
Minnesota	28	13	12	3	29	78	86		
Edmonton	29	12	13	4	28	87	93		
Pacific Division									
	GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA		
San Jose	31	19	7	5	43	104	82		
Los Angeles	30	17	10	3	37	93	92		
Phoenix	29	17	11	1	35	73	68		
Dallas	29	13	8	8	34	85	85		
Anaheim	29	10	13	6	26	82	96		

**Note:** Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

## Saturday's games

Carolina 5, Vancouver  
Edmonton 3, Dallas 2, SO  
St. Louis 5, Los Angeles 4, SO  
Atlanta 2, Florida 1, SO  
New Jersey 4, Detroit 3, SO  
Colorado 3, Columbus 2  
Washington 8, Philadelphia 2  
Boston 7, Toronto 2  
N.Y. Rangers 2, Buffalo 1  
Chicago 2, Pittsburgh 1, OT  
Tampa Bay 4, N.Y. Islanders 0  
Minnesota 5, Nashville 3  
Calgary 2, San Jose 1  
Phoenix 3, Ottawa 2

## Sunday's games

Detroit 3, N.Y. Rangers 1

## Monday's games

Atlanta at Toronto

New Jersey at Buffalo

Philadelphia at Montreal

Washington at Tampa Bay

Edmonton at Florida

Carolina at Pittsburgh

Colorado at St. Louis

Minnesota at Phoenix

Calgary at Los Angeles

## Tuesday's games

N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia

Montreal at Ottawa

Vancouver at Nashville

Dallas at Anaheim

## Sunday

## Red Wings 3, Rangers 1

Detroit 0 1 2-3

N.Y. Rangers 1 0 0-1

**First Period**—1, N.Y. Rangers, Boyle 3 (Higgins), 15:56.

**Second Period**—2, Detroit, Datsyuk 7 (Zetterberg, Lidstrom), 11:59.

**Third Period**—3, Detroit, Cleary 7 (Zetterberg, Lidstrom), 17:57. 4, Detroit, Draper 6, 19:53 (en-p).

**Missed Penalty Shot**—Callahan, NYR, 1:37 second.

**Shots on Goal**—Detroit 14-10-7-31.

N.Y. Rangers 6-11-12-29.

**Power-play opportunities**—Detroit 1 of 3; N.Y. Rangers 0 of 4.

**Goalies**—Detroit, Howard 8-5-1 (29 shots-28 saves). N.Y. Rangers, Lundqvist 12-11-1 (30-28).

**A**—18,200 (18,200). **T**—2:25.

**Senators 4, Mighty Ducks 3**

Ottawa 2 0 1 0-4

Anaheim 2 0 1 0-3

**Ottawa won shootout 2-1**

**First Period**—1, Ottawa, Ruutu 5, 12:01.

2, Anaheim, Getzlaf 6, 12:16. 3, Ottawa, Spezza 3 (Alfredsson, Kovalev), 15:17 (en-4, Anaheim, Lupul 9 (Getzlaf, Perry), 15:48.

**Third Period**—5, Ottawa, Kuba 2 (Spezza, Foligno), 1:04. 6, Anaheim, Perry 15 (Niedermayer), 1:54.

**Shootout**—Ottawa 2 (Kovalev, G, Alfredsson G), Anaheim 1 (Perry NG, Getzlaf G, Lupul NG).

**Shots on Goal**—Ottawa 9-11-6-3-29.

Anaheim 12-11-12-1-36.

**Power-play opportunities**—Ottawa 1 of 5; Anaheim 0 of 3.

**Goalies**—Ottawa, Elliott 6-5-3 (36 shots-33 saves). Anaheim, Giguere 3-4-4 (29-26).

**A**—14,946 (17,174). **T**—2:38.

## Scoring leaders

Through Dec. 6

GP G A PTS

Joe Thornton, SJ 31 7 33 40

Marian Gaborik, NYR 27 21 17 38

Sidney Crosby, Pit 29 19 17 36

Corey Perry, An 29 15 21 36

Anze Kopitar, LA 30 14 21 35

Ryan Getzlaf, An 29 6 29 35

Henrik Sedin, Van 29 14 20 34

Dany Heatley, SJ 31 19 14 33

Patrick Marleau, SJ 31 19 14 33

Nicklas Backstrom, Was 29 8 25 33

Brad Richards, Dal 27 7 26 33

## NHL roundup

## Red Wings sparked by Howard

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Chris Osgood has 395 NHL victories, three Stanley Cup rings, and now a regular seat on the Detroit Red Wings bench.

Say hello to rookie Jimmy Howard, who is quickly becoming the No. 1 goalie for the defending Western Conference champions.

Howard made 28 saves — including a penalty-shot stop and another denial on a breakaway — and kept the New York Rangers at bay long enough to give the Red Wings a 3-1 victory Sunday night.

"Howie was good," Red Wings coach Mike Babcock said. "He mentally battled and he hung in and he is going to start next game against St. Louis."

Those assignments over Osgood are no longer surprising. Howard has started five of Detroit's past seven games and has earned three victories. He is 8-5-1 this season with a 2.55 goals-against average.

Keeping scoring down is even more important than usual for Detroit, which has struggled to find offense while missing injured players Johan Franzen, Valtteri Filppula, Jason Williams, Niklas Kronwall and Andreas Lilja.

Dan Cleary snapped a 1-1 tie with 2:03 left to give the Red Wings three of a possible four points in weekend games at New Jersey and New York. The Red Wings shook off a 1-0 deficit to win this matchup between Original Six teams.

"When you have a lot of guys out, you have to focus on playing well defensively," captain Nicklas Lidstrom said. "You can't open yourself up defensively because goals are so hard to get in this league now."

"We did an excellent job in front of Howie. He made the saves when we needed, but I thought we played really well defensively in front of him, too."

**Senators 4, Ducks 3 (SO):** At Anaheim, Calif., Ottawa gave up one-goal leads three times to the Ducks — each time in less than a minute — before Alex Kovalev and Daniel Alfredsson scored in the first two rounds of a shootout, snapping the Senators' four-game losing streak.

Ryan Getzlaf scored a fluke goal for Anaheim 15 seconds after Jarkko Ruutu got one, Joffrey Lupul tied it again 31 seconds after Jason Spezza regained the lead for the Senators, and Corey Perry completed the Ducks' unusual "hat trick" early in the third period after Filip Kuba's go-ahead score.

Brian Elliott finished with 33 saves and stopped two of three shots in the tiebreaker, helping the Senators salvage the finale of a five-game road trip that began with a shootout loss to Boston.



## NBA scoreboard

## Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Boston	16	4	.800	—
Toronto	9	13	.409	8
New York	15	5	.286	10½
Philadelphia	6	15	.250	11
New Jersey	1	19	.050	15

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Orlando	16	4	.800	—
Atlanta	14	6	.700	2
Miami	11	9	.550	5
Charlotte	8	11	.421	7½
Washington	7	12	.368	8½

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	15	5	.750	—
Milwaukee	9	10	.474	5½
Detroit	8	12	.400	7
Chicago	7	11	.389	7
Indiana	6	12	.333	8

## Western Conference

Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Dallas	14	7	.667	—
Houston	11	9	.550	2½
San Antonio	9	8	.529	3
New Orleans	8	11	.421	5
Memphis	8	12	.400	5½

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
Denver	15	5	.750	—
Portland	13	8	.619	2½
Utah	11	8	.579	3½
Oklahoma City	10	9	.526	4½
Minnesota	3	17	.150	12

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct	GB
L.A. Lakers	16	3	.842	—
Phoenix	15	6	.714	2
Sacramento	9	10	.474	7
L.A. Clippers	9	11	.450	7½
Golden State	6	13	.316	10

## Saturday's games

Charlotte 106, Philadelphia 105  
 Toronto 110, Chicago 78  
 Minnesota 108, Utah 101  
 Denver 106, San Antonio 99  
 Atlanta 80, Dallas 75  
 Phoenix 115, Sacramento 107  
 Portland 90, Houston 89  
 L.A. Clippers 88, Indiana 72  
 Orlando 126, Golden State 118

## Sunday's games

New York 106, New Jersey 97  
 Cleveland 101, Milwaukee 86  
 Detroit 98, Washington 94  
 Miami 115, Sacramento 102  
 L.A. Lakers 108, Phoenix 88

## Monday's games

Denver at Philadelphia  
 Portland at New York  
 Golden State at Oklahoma City  
 San Antonio at Utah

## Tuesday's games

Denver at Charlotte  
 Minnesota at Toronto  
 Milwaukee at Boston  
 New Jersey at Chicago  
 Sacramento at New Orleans  
 Cleveland at Memphis  
 Phoenix at Dallas  
 Orlando at L.A. Clippers

## Sunday

## Cavaliers 101, Bucks 86

**CLEVELAND** — James 4-10 6-7 14, Hickson 5-11 1-1 11, O'Neal 5-9 0-0 10, M. Williams 4-9 2-3 13, Parker 3-7 0-0 8, Varejao 1-3 3-3 5, Igaras 4-10 0-0 8, Gibson 2-5 4-8 8, West 6-9 9-9 21, Jackson 0-0 0-0 0, Green 1-1 0-0 3, Karl 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 35-74 25-27 101.

**MILWAUKEE** — Delfino 5-13 0-0 11, Ilyasova 4-10 0-1 8, Bogut 3-11 1-2 7, Jennings 9-22 6-6 24, Mbah a Moute 3-4 0-6, Ridnour 2-8 2-2 7, Bell 0-3 0-0 0, Warrick 4-9 3-11, Thomas 0-1 0-0 0, Meeks 2-6 0-0 5, Gadzuric 0-2 0-0 0, Ukic 3-4 0-0 7. Totals 35-93 12-16 86.

**Cleveland** 21 31 23 26—101  
**Milwaukee** 17 16 24 29—86  
 Three-Point Goals—Cleveland 6-10 (M. Williams 3-4, Parker 2-3, Green 1-1, Gibson 0-2), Milwaukee 4-20 (Ukic 1-1, Meeks 1-2, Ridnour 1-3, Delfino 1-6, Bell 0-1, Mbah a Moute 0-1, Jennings 0-2, Ilyasova 0-4). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Cleveland 54 (Varejao 12), Milwaukee 49 (Ilyasova, Warrick 9). Assists—Cleveland 21 (James 10), Milwaukee 11 (Jennings 4). Total Fouls—Cleveland 19, Milwaukee 21. Technicals—Cleveland defensive three second. A—16,625 (18,717).

## Knicks 106, Nets 97

**NEW JERSEY** — Douglas-Roberts 12-19 0-26, Boone 3-4 0-0 6, Lopez 7-9 5-7 19, Harris 7-16 4-4 19, C. Lee 2-5 0-0 4, T. Williams 0-5 0-0 0, Alston 3-11 1-2 8, Dooling 4-7 0-0 9, Hassell 2-4 2-6. Totals 40-80 12-15 97.

**NEW YORK** — Harrington 10-18 5-5 26, Jeffries 0-15 8-5, D. Lee 12-18 0-24, Duhan 2-12 2-7, Chandler 3-7 0-0 6, Gallinari 3-6 2-2 11, Hughes 5-12 14-17 25, Douglas 1-3 0-2. Totals 36-77 28-34 106.

**New Jersey** 30 31 18 18—97  
**New York** 26 27 33 20—106

Three-Point Goals—New Jersey 5-16 (Douglas-Roberts 2-4, Dooling 1-2, Harris 1-4, Alston 1-5, C. Lee 0-1), New York 6-15 (Gallinari 3-4, Hughes 1-2, Harrington 1-3, Duhan 1-4, Douglas 0-2). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—New Jersey 37 (Boone 7, New York 53 (Harrington 14). Assists—New Jersey 23 (Harris 6), New York 20 (Duhan, Harrington 5). Total Fouls—New Jersey 26, New York 15. A—19,602 (19,763).

## Pistons 98, Wizards 94

**WASHINGTON** — Butler 8-19 1-1 20, Jamison 4-14 4-7 13, Haywood 3-6 0-0 6, Arenas 3-9 2-2 8, Young 1-3 0-0 2, Stevenson 0-1 0-0 0, Boykins 5-11 6-6 18, Blatche 4-8 1-9, McGuire 2-2 0-0 4, McGee 1-1 0-0 2, Foye 3-4 6-6 12. Totals 34-78 20-23 94.

**DETROIT** — Jerebko 3-8 3-4 10, Maxiell 1-4 0-2, Wallace 0-5 0-0 0, Atkins 3-7 1-1 7, Stuckey 9-18 7-9 25, Villanueva 8-19 1-1 18, Bynum 3-12 9-14 16, Gordon 1-1 3-5 5, Brown 2-3 0-2 4, Summers 0-0 0-0 0, Daye 5-5 0-0 11. Totals 35-82 24-36 98.

**Washington** 19 30 20 25—94  
**Detroit** 24 28 19 27—98

Three-Point Goals—Washington 6-21 (Butler 3-6, Boykins 2-5, Jamison 1-1, Foye 0-1, Arenas 0-4), Detroit 4-20 (Daye 1-1, Jerebko 1-3, Bynum 1-4, Villanueva 1-8, Stuckey 0-1, Atkins 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Washington 47 (Haywood 11), Detroit 59 (Jerebko 11). Assists—Washington 15 (Arenas 9), Detroit 22 (Villanueva, Wallace, Atkins 5). Total Fouls—Washington 27, Detroit 23. Technicals—Washington defensive three second. A—14,123 (22,076).

## Heat 115, Kings 102

**MIAMI** — Richardson 7-15 1-2 20, Beasley 7-10 5-6 20, Anthony 2-3 1-2 5, Chalmers 0-3 2-2 2, Wade 10-16 14-16 34, Haslem 6-9 3-3 15, Wright 9-13 0-0 19, Jones 0-1 0-0 0. Totals 41-70 26-31 115.

**SACRAMENTO** — Nocioni 4-13 0-0 9, Thompson 2-9 1-2 5, Hawes 2-4 4-8 8, Evans 10-19 10-12 30, Greene 8-16 4-7 21, Thomas 1-1 0-0 2, Brockman 0-0 0-0 0, Udoka 0-0 0-0 0, Rodriguez 1-2 0-2 2, Udrih 4-7 1-1 11, Casspi 5-8 0-2 14. Totals 37-79 20-32 102.

**Miami** 30 29 29 27—115  
**Sacramento** 25 19 33 25—102

Three-Point Goals—Miami 7-19 (Richardson 5-12, Wright 1-1, Beasley 1-2, Jones 0-1, Chalmers 0-1, Wade 0-2), Sacramento 8-22 (Casspi 4-4, Udrih 2-2, Greene 1-5, Nocioni 1-7, Hawes 0-1, Evans 0-3). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Miami 40 (Haslem 6), Sacramento 48 (Thompson 8). Assists—Miami 30 (Wade 10), Sacramento 19 (Thompson, Evans 4). Total Fouls—Miami 21, Sacramento 24. Technicals—Miami defensive three second. A—13,186 (17,317).

## Lakers 108, Suns 88

**PHOENIX** — Hill 5-11 2-2 12, Stoudemire 9-16 0-0 18, Frye 2-7 0-5 5, Nash 4-7 3-3 12, Richardson 5-12 0-0 10, Dudley 3-7 1-2 9, Collins 0-0 0-0 0, Dragice 4-10 0-0 8, Lopez 4-7 0-0 8, Clark 1-5 4-4 6, Griffin 0-1 0-0 0, Tucker 0-0 0-0 0. Totals 37-83 10-11 88.

**L.A. LAKERS** — Artest 4-11 4-4 15, Gasol 6-10 2-2 14, Bynum 5-9 3-4 13, Fisher 2-5 2-2 7, Bryant 9-16 6-8 26, Odom 2-5 0-4 4, Farmer 4-8 1-2 11, Brown 4-0 2-2 12, Morrison 0-1 0-0 0, Powell 2-3 0-0 4, Vujacic 0-1 2-2 2, Mbenga 0-2 0-0 0. Totals 38-81 22-26 108.

**Phoenix** 26 18 22 22—88  
**L.A. Lakers** 29 25 33 21—108

Three-Point Goals—Phoenix 4-13 (Dudley 2-3, Nash 1-1, Frye 1-5, Dragice 0-1, Richardson 0-3), L.A. Lakers 10-21 (Artest 3-5, Brown 2-4, Farmer 2-4, Bryant 2-4, Fisher 1-2, Odom 0-1, Bynum 0-1). Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Phoenix 45 (Stoudemire 8), L.A. Lakers 49 (Odom 8). Assists—Phoenix 21 (Nash 10), L.A. Lakers 20 (Artest 5). Total Fouls—Phoenix 20, L.A. Lakers 15. Technicals—Phoenix Coach Gentry, L.A. Lakers defensive three second. A—18,997 (18,997).

## NBA roundup

## Lakers taking full advantage of home-friendly schedule

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Ron Artest kicked off the Los Angeles Lakers' decisive rally by harassing Amare Stoudemire to the limits of legality until Phoenix's big man coughed up the ball in the backcourt. Kobe Bryant then drove the lane, and Stoudemire moved over an instant too late to draw a charge.

Although the Lakers always seemed a bit quicker and slicker in a 108-88 victory over the Suns on Sunday night, the defending NBA champions realize their nine-game winning streak almost carries an asterisk, what with the unfair advantages of their home-heavy early-season schedule.

Bryant scored 26 points and Artest added 15 points and five steals as the Lakers raced away from Phoenix in the second half. Eight of their nine straight victories have come at home, where the Lakers play 17 of their first 21 overall.

More than 40 percent of the Lakers' home games for the season will be finished by Friday. That's why nobody in purple and gold is getting too excited about the first quarter of the season, even after a second impressive victory over the Lakers' closest competitors in the Pacific Division.

"No partying at all," said Pau Gasol, who scored 14 points. "We understand we have so many home games together. I want to see us do this on the road in tougher situations against teams that are ready to play. Right now we're in good shape, but we've still got a long way to go."

Two nights after Bryant banked in a three-pointer at the buzzer in a one-point victory over Miami, the Lakers didn't need another lucky shot. They made a 15-1 run late in the third quarter keyed by Artest's defense, holding Phoenix without a field goal for 3½ minutes while jumping to a 23-point lead.

The well-rested Lakers improved to an NBA-best 16-3 with their second home victory in 24 days over road-weary Phoenix, which got 18 points and eight



GUS RUELAS/AP

Lakers guard Kobe Bryant, right, draws a foul from Suns forward Amare Stoudemire as he drives to the basket in the second half.

rebounds from Stoudemire in its lowest-scoring game of the season.

**Cavaliers 101, Bucks 86:** At Milwaukee, Delonte West scored 14 of his season-high 21 points in a 29-0 first-half run for streaking Cleveland.

LeBron James had 14 points and 10 assists for Cleveland which, after opening the season 3-3, has gone 12-2.

Former Bucks guard Mo Williams scored 13 points for the Cavs, Shaquille O'Neal had 10 points in 16 minutes, and Anderson Varejao added 12 rebounds.

Bucks rookie Brandon Jennings scored 15 of his 24 points in the second half.

**Heat 115, Kings 102:** Dwyane Wade had 34 points and 10 assists for visiting Miami, which led throughout.

Michael Beasley had 20 points, helping the Heat beat Sacramento for the 11th time in 12 games. Quentin Richardson made five

three-pointers and also had 20 points.

Rookie Tyreke Evans scored 30 points for the Kings.

**Knicks 106, Nets 97:** Larry Hughes scored 16 of his 25 points in the third quarter as New York sent visiting New Jersey back to its losing ways.

Al Harrington had 26 points and 14 rebounds for the Knicks in their third victory in four games. Chris Douglas-Roberts scored 26 points for New Jersey. The Nets beat Charlotte on Friday night for their first victory after an NBA-record 18 straight losses to begin the season.

**Pistons 98, Wizards 94:** Rodney Stuckey scored 25 points and Charlie Villanueva added 18 as Detroit beat Washington in coach Flip Saunders' first game at the Palace since being fired by the Pistons after the 2007-08 season.

Caron Butler had 20 points and 10 rebounds, and Earl Boykins scored 18 for the Wizards.

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## SCOREBOARD

## Sports on AFN

## Tuesday

**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Denver at Philadelphia (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 p.m.**—NFL: Baltimore at Green Bay (dld).

## Wednesday

**AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.**—NFL: Baltimore at Green Bay (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Butler vs. Georgetown.  
**AFN-Xtra, 9 a.m.**—NHL: N.Y. Islanders at Philadelphia.  
**AFN-Sports, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Indiana vs. Pittsburgh.  
**AFN-Xtra, 12:30 p.m.**—NBA: Orlando at L.A. Clippers.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Cleveland at Memphis (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 1, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 2, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

## Thursday

**AFN-Sports, 1 a.m.**—NBA: Teams TBD (dld, 2-hour cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.**—College basketball: Georgia vs. St. John's.  
**AFN-Xtra, 11 a.m.**—College basketball: Villanova at St. Joseph's.  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 a.m.**—College basketball: Kentucky vs. Connecticut.  
**AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.**—NBA: Portland at Indiana (dld).  
**AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 3, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).  
**AFN-Sports, 11:30 p.m.**—NFL RePlay: Game 4, teams TBD (dld, 90-minute cut-down).

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## Golf

## Chevron World Challenge

## Sunday

## At Sherwood Country Club

Thousand Oaks, Calif.

Yardage: 7,027 yards; Par: 72

Purse: \$5.75 million

## Final Round

Jim Furyk, \$1.35 million	70-71-67-67—275
Graeme McDowell, \$800,000	71-69-66-70—276
Lee Westwood, \$450,000	71-67-69-70—277
P. Harington, \$450,000	69-68-70-70—277
Stewart Cink, \$243,750	70-73-68-68—279
Zach Johnson, \$243,750	68-70-74-67—279
Sean O'Hair, \$243,750	71-67-71-70—279
Ian Poulter, \$243,750	68-69-71-71—279
Y.E. Yang, \$195,000	70-65-71-74—280
Steve Stricker, \$190,000	71-74-71-65—281
Paul Casey, \$182,500	75-69-74-64—282
Kenny Perry, \$182,500	72-65-72-73—282
Lucas Glover, \$175,000	74-67-70-75—286
Mike Weir, \$170,000	73-70-73-71—287
Anthony Kim, \$160,000	71-74-73-70—288
Martin Kaymer, \$160,000	73-72-72-71—288
Camilo Villegas, \$160,000	73-69-74-72—288
Justin Leonard, \$150,000	72-74-72-73—291

## College soccer

## Men's Division I tournament

## Third Round

## Sunday, Nov. 29

Maryland 2, Harvard 0  
 Virginia 1, Portland 0  
 Drake 6, Boston College 4  
 North Carolina 1, Indiana 0  
 Tulsa 1, Northwestern 0  
 Akron 2, Stanford 0  
 Wake Forest 4, Duke 2  
 UCLA 2, UC Santa Barbara 1

## Quarterfinals

## Friday, Dec. 4

North Carolina 2, Drake 1  
 Virginia 3, Maryland 0

## Saturday, Dec. 5

Akron 1, Tulsa 0  
 Wake Forest 2, UCLA 0

## Semifinals

## Friday, Dec. 11

## At Cary, N.C.

North Carolina vs. Akron  
 Virginia vs. Wake Forest

## Championship

## Sunday, Dec. 13

## At Cary, N.C.

Semifinal winners

## Women's Division I tournament

## Quarterfinals

## Friday, Nov. 27

North Carolina 5, Wake Forest 2  
 Notre Dame 2, Florida State 0  
 Stanford 3, Boston College 1

## Saturday, Nov. 28

UCLA 2, Portland 1

## Semifinals

## Friday, Dec. 4

## At College Station, Texas

Stanford 2, UCLA 1, OT  
 North Carolina 1, Notre Dame 0

## Championship

## Sunday, Dec. 6

## At College Station, Texas

North Carolina 1, Stanford 0

## College basketball

## Sunday's men's scores

## EAST

Boston College 61, Miami 60  
 Boston U. 63, Bucknell 53  
 Connecticut 72, Harvard 73  
 Cornell 78, Saint Joseph's 66  
 Fairfield 61, St. Peter's 48  
 George Washington 81, Navy 69  
 La Salle 75, Hartford 62  
 Manhattan 71, Canisius 57  
 N.Y. Tech 100, Penn St.-Harrisburg 89, OT  
 Nazareth, N.Y. 66, Utica 50  
 Niagara 77, Loyola, Md. 57  
 Princeton 62, Lafayette 48  
 Rider 55, Marist 51  
 Rutgers 76, Colgate 67

## SOUTH

Centre 69, Rhodes 62  
 Clemson 72, South Carolina 61  
 Florida St. 82, Fla. International 62  
 Villanova 95, Maryland 86  
 Virginia Tech 74, Georgia 62  
 W. Kentucky 62, Tulane 48

## MIDWEST

Aquinas 78, Ind.-South Bend 64  
 Creighton 67, Nebraska 61  
 Lake Erie 54, Indianapolis 53  
 Notre Dame 90, UCF 72

## SOUTHWEST

Ark.-Little Rock 78, Lyon 69  
 Harding 68, St. Edward's 64  
 Houston 83, Texas A&M-C.C. 76  
 Oklahoma 79, Arizona 62  
 Tulsa 81, Ohio 80

## FAR WEST

Fresno St. 69, San Diego 37  
 Hawaii 96, Lamar 78  
 Idaho 68, Portland 48  
 Kansas 73, UCLA 61  
 Oregon St. 74, CS Bakersfield 39  
 Washington 88, CS Northridge 76

## Men's Top 25 fared

## This week

1. Kansas (7-0) beat Alcorn State 98-31; beat UCLA 73-61.  
 2. Texas (6-0) beat Southern Cal 69-50.  
 3. Villanova (8-0) beat Drexel 77-58; beat Maryland 95-86.  
 4. Purdue (7-0) beat Wake Forest 69-58; beat Buffalo 101-65.  
 5. Kentucky (8-0) beat UNC Asheville 94-57; beat No. 10 North Carolina 68-66.  
 6. Duke (7-1) lost to Wisconsin 73-69; beat St. John's 80-71.  
 7. West Virginia (5-0) did not play.  
 8. Syracuse (8-0) beat Colgate 92-58; beat Maine 101-55.  
 9. Michigan State (6-2) lost to No. 10 North Carolina 89-82; beat Wofford 72-60.  
 10. North Carolina (7-2) beat No. 9 Michigan State 89-82; lost to No. 5 Kentucky 68-66.  
 11. Tennessee (6-1) beat ETSU 78-66.  
 12. Washington (6-1) lost to Texas Tech 99-92, OT; beat Cal State Northridge 88-76.  
 13. Florida (8-0) beat Florida A&M 80-59; beat Jacksonville 85-67.  
 14. Connecticut (6-1) beat Boston University 92-64; beat Harvard 79-73.  
 15. Ohio State (7-1) beat No. 21 Florida State 77-64; beat Eastern Michigan 111-60.  
 16. Georgetown (6-0) beat Mount St. Mary's, Md. 83-62; beat American 73-46.  
 17. Gonzaga (6-2) beat Washington State 74-69; lost to Wake Forest 77-75.  
 18. Clemson (7-2) lost to Illinois 76-74; beat South Carolina 72-61.  
 19. Texas A&M (7-1) beat Prairie View 84-59; beat Akron 74-62.  
 20. Louisville (5-2) beat Stetson 80-48; lost to Charlotte 87-65.  
 21. Florida State (7-2) lost to No. 15 Ohio State 77-64; beat Florida International 82-62.  
 22. Cincinnati (5-1) beat Texas Southern 94-57.  
 23. Butler (6-2) beat Ball State 59-38; beat Valparaiso 84-67.  
 24. UNLV (7-0) beat Arizona 74-72, 2OT; beat Santa Clara 66-63.  
 25. Portland (5-3) lost to Portland State 86-82; lost to Idaho 68-48.

## Sunday's women's scores

## EAST

American U. 67, High Point 46  
 Harvard 85, Boston U. 68  
 Navy 65, Penn 51  
 Penn St.-Harrisburg 67, N.Y. Tech 57  
 Saint Joseph's 65, George Mason 46  
 St. Bonaventure 61, Marist 43  
 St. Francis, Pa. 68, Mount St. Mary's, Md. 51  
 Stony Brook 71, St. Francis, N.Y. 40  
 Uta 68, Nazareth, N.Y. 55

## SOUTH

Alabama 61, Northwestern St. 56  
 Centre 84, Rhodes 70

Clemson 104, Charleston Southern 52  
 Duke 78, Southern Cal 72  
 Florida St. 78, Alcorn St. 50  
 Georgia 56, Georgia Tech 50  
 James Madison 75, Virginia 73  
 Louisville 60, Utah 55  
 Maryland 69, Loyola, Md. 56  
 N.C. State 76, TCU 62  
 North Carolina 83, St. John's 73  
 Old Dominion 75, Mississippi 66  
 Richmond 66, Va. Commonwealth 52  
 Tennessee 78, Texas 58  
 Vanderbilt 79, W. Kentucky 73, OT  
 Virginia Tech 85, N.C. Central 44  
 Washington 62, UCF 59

## MIDWEST

Dayton 79, Wright St. 58  
 DePaul 73, Loyola of Chicago 30  
 Evansville 76, Saint Louis 69  
 Indiana 68, Michigan St. 63  
 Iowa St. 80, Ark.-Pine Bluff 64  
 Kansas 81, N. Colorado 54  
 Michigan 54, Iowa 51  
 Minnesota 56, Penn St. 48  
 Northwestern 60, Purdue 58  
 Ohio St. 70, Wisconsin 55  
 Syracuse 70, Ohio 54  
 Xavier 69, Cincinnati 38

## SOUTHWEST

Harding 77, St. Edward's, Texas 76, OT  
 Houston Baptist 71, Wiley 47  
 Oklahoma St. 80, Coppin St. 51  
 S.F. Austin 82, Texas Southern 43

## FAR WEST

Colorado 80, Seton Hall 54  
 Denver 66, San Jose St. 61  
 Gonzaga 80, CS Northridge 47  
 Montana St. 89, Montana St.-Northern 59  
 Oregon 102, Long Beach St. 70  
 Portland 76, Boise St. 65  
 Portland St. 75, Pacific 57  
 Saint Mary's, Calif. 74, Idaho 67  
 South Dakota 69, Santa Clara 66  
 UNLV 74, Nevada 63

## TOURNAMENTS

**Brown Bear Basketball Classic**  
**Championship**  
 Massachusetts 82, Quinnipiac 66

**Third Place**  
 Brown 65, Morgan St. 62, OT

**Collier's International Classic**  
 Texas A&M 68, California 61

**Third Place**  
 Colorado St. 62, S. Illinois 53

## Women's Top 25 fared

## This week

1. Connecticut (7-0) beat Vermont 84-42.  
 2. Stanford (6-0) did not play.  
 3. Ohio State (9-1) lost to No. 11 Duke 83-67; beat Wisconsin 70-55.  
 4. North Carolina (6-1) lost to No. 22 Michigan State 72-66; beat St. John's 83-73.  
 5. Notre Dame (7-0) beat Eastern Michigan 69-59.  
 6. Tennessee (7-0) beat George Washington 93-53; beat No. 17 Texas 78-58.  
 7. LSU (6-0) beat Louisiana Tech 77-74.  
 8. Baylor (7-1) beat Louisiana Tech 77-67.  
 9. Xavier (7-0) beat Middle Tennessee 80-63; beat Cincinnati 69-38.  
 10. Texas A&M (6-0) beat Stephen F. Austin 105-56; beat Southern Illinois 72-58; beat No. 20 California 68-61.  
 11. Duke (7-1) beat No. 3 Ohio State 83-67; beat Southern Cal 78-72.  
 12. Florida State (8-0) beat Indiana 82-74; beat Alcorn State 78-50.  
 13. Georgia (8-0) beat UAB 71-42; beat No. 23 Georgia Tech 56-50.  
 14. Virginia (6-2) beat Purdue 56-49; lost to James Madison 75-73.  
 15. Arizona State (6-1) beat Idaho State 65-56; beat Pepperdine 62-52.  
 16. Vanderbilt (8-1) beat Wright State 63-46; lost to Bowling Green 66-60; beat Western Kentucky 79-73, OT.  
 17. Texas (5-3) beat Oral Roberts 94-80; lost to No. 6 Tennessee 78-58.  
 18. Oklahoma (6-2) beat Texas-Arlington 100-67; beat Arkansas 87-86, OT.  
 19. Pittsburgh (7-0) beat Youngstown St. 89-37; beat Western Michigan 89-65.  
 20. California (4-3) beat Colorado State 78-44; lost to No. 10 Texas A&M 68-61.  
 21. DePaul (7-2) lost to Wisconsin-Green Bay 79-68; beat Illinois-Chicago 67-56; beat Loyola of Chicago 73-30.  
 22. Michigan State (5-3) beat No. 4 North Carolina 72-66; lost to Indiana 68-63.  
 23. Georgia Tech (5-2) beat Penn State 64-60; lost to No. 13 Georgia 56-50.  
 24. Kansas (5-2) beat UCLA 52-46; beat Northern Colorado 81-54.  
 25. Dayton (8-1) beat Illinois-Chicago 73-46; beat Wisconsin-Milwaukee 86-52; beat Wright State 79-58.

## College football

## NCAA FCS playoffs

## Quarterfinals

## Saturday, Dec. 5

William & Mary 24, Southern Illinois 3  
 Montana 51, Stephen F. Austin 0  
 Villanova 46, New Hampshire 7  
 Appalachian State 35, Richmond 31

## Semifinals

## Friday, Dec. 11

William & Mary (11-2) at Villanova (12-1)  
 Appalachian St. (11-2) at Montana (13-0)

## Championship

## Friday, Dec. 18

**At Finley Stadium/Davenport Field**  
**Chattanooga, Tenn.**  
 Semifinal winners

## NCAA Division II playoffs

## Quarterfinals

## Saturday, Nov. 28

California, Pa. 57, West Liberty 35  
 Grand Valley State 24, Minnesota-Duluth 10  
 Carson-Newman 24, North Alabama 21  
 Northwest Missouri State 21, Central Washington 20

## Semifinals

## Saturday, Dec. 5

Grand Valley State 41, Carson-Newman 27  
 Northwest Missouri State 56, California, Pa. 31

## Championship

## Saturday, Dec. 12

**At Braly Municipal Stadium**  
**Florence, Ala.**  
 Grand Valley State (13-1) vs. Northwest Missouri State (13-1)

## NCAA Division III playoffs

## Second Round

## Saturday, Nov. 28

Mount Union 62, Montclair State 14  
 Wesley 43, Mississippi College 9  
 Johns Hopkins 31, Thomas More 29  
 Wittenberg 34, Trine 17  
 Albright 27, Delaware Valley 3  
 Wisconsin-Whitewater 45, Illinois Wesleyan 7

St. Thomas, Minn. 34, Coe 7  
 Linfield 53, Mary Hardin-Baylor 21

## Quarterfinals

## Saturday, Dec. 5

Mount Union 55, Albright 3  
 Wesley 12, Johns Hopkins 0  
 Wisconsin-Whitewater 31, Wittenberg 13

Linfield 31, St. Thomas, Minn. 20

## Semifinals

## Saturday, Dec. 12

Wesley (13-0) at Mount Union (13-0)  
 Linfield (13-0) at Wisconsin-Whitewater (13-0)

## Championship

## Amos Alonzo Stagg Bowl

## Saturday, Dec. 19

**At Salem Stadium**  
**Salem, Va.**  
 Semifinal winners

## NAIA playoffs

## Semifinals

## Saturday, Dec. 5

Sioux Falls 48, Saint Xavier 6  
 Lindenwood 42, Carroll, Mont. 35

## Championship

## Saturday, Dec. 19

**At Barron Stadium**  
**Rome, Ga.**  
 Sioux Falls (14-0) vs. Lindenwood (13-0)

## Sunday's transactions

## HOCKEY

## National Hockey League

**NHL**—Suspended Philadelphia F Dan Carillo four games for his role in a fight that earned him a game misconduct penalty against Washington on Saturday.

**CAROLINA HURRICANES**—Recalled D Jay Harrison from Albany (AHL). Reassigned D Bryan Rodney to Albany.

**LOS ANGELES KINGS**—Recalled F Oscar Moller from Manchester (AHL).

**NEW JERSEY DEVILS**—Activated D Johnny Oduya and LW Jay Pandolfo. Sent RW Matt Halischuk to Lowell (AHL).

**TAMPA BAY LIGHTNING**—Reassigned C Blair Jones to Norfolk (AHL).

## AP Top 25

The Top 25 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote, and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (58)	13-0	1,498	2
2. Texas (2)	13-0	1,425	3
3. TCU	12-0	1,376	4
4. Cincinnati	12-0	1,302	5
5. Florida	12-1	1,253	1
6. Boise State	13-0	1,237	6
7. Oregon	10-2	1,128	7
8. Ohio St.	10-2	1,080	8
9. Georgia Tech	11-2	952	12
10. Iowa	10-2	925	9
11. Penn St.	10-2	883	10
12. Virginia Tech	9-3	866	11
13. LSU	9-3	866	15
14. Miami	9-3	660	17
15. BYU	10-2	658	16
16. Oregon St.	8-4	524	13
17. Pittsburgh	9-3	514	14
18. West Virginia	9-3	447	24
19. Stanford	8-4	390	23
20. Nebraska	9-4	371	21
21. Oklahoma St.	9-3	349	22
22. Arizona	8-4	323	—
23. Utah	9-3	151	—
24. Wisconsin	9-3	133	—
25. Cent. Michigan	11-2	64	—

**Others receiving votes:** East Carolina 53, Houston 50, Texas Tech 44, Southern Cal 8, Northwestern 35, Clemson 31, California 14, Mississippi 14, North Carolina 7, Oklahoma 7, Tennessee 6, Missouri 4, Georgia 1, Montana 1.

## USA Today Top 25

The USA Today Top 25 football coaches poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Dec. 5, total points based on 25 points for first place through one point for 25th and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pvs
1. Alabama (54)	13-0	1,470	3
2. Texas (4)	13-0	1,409	2
3. TCU	12-0	1,336	4
4. Cincinnati (1)	12-0	1,280	5
5. Florida	12-1	1,240	1
6. Boise State	13-0	1,216	6
7. Oregon	10-2	1,096	8
8. Ohio State	12-0	1,077	7
9. Penn State	10-2	950	9
10. Georgia Tech	11-2	921	12
11. Iowa	10-2	918	10
12. Virginia Tech	9-3	829	11
13. LSU	9-3	718	14
14. Brigham Young	10-2	702	13
15. Miami (Fla.)	9-3	611	17
16. Pittsburgh	9-3	506	15
17. West Virginia	9-3	429	23
18. Oklahoma State	9-3	404	21
19. Nebraska	9-4	391	20
20. Oregon State	8-4	368	16
21. Stanford	8-4	253	24
22. Wisconsin	9-3	247	NR
23. Arizona	8-4	237	NR
24. Utah	9-3	183	25
25. Houston	10-3	106	18



## NFL: WEEK 13

# Warner, Cardinals dominate Favre, Vikings

By BOB BAUM  
The Associated Press

GLENDAL, Ariz. — If the Minnesota Vikings want to play in the next Super Bowl, they probably should figure out how to beat the teams that were in the last one.

Kurt Warner outplayed Brett Favre in a battle of old-timers and Arizona's defense shut down Minnesota's running game in the Cardinals' 30-17 victory over the Vikings on Sunday night.

It was just the Vikings' second loss of the season. The other came against Pittsburgh, the team that beat Arizona in last February's Super Bowl.

Minnesota defensive end Jared Allen looked forward to a possible rematch with the Cardinals in the playoffs.

"I'm not going to take anything away from them," he said, "but do I think if we meet them again it's a different outcome? Absolutely."

Warner threw for 285 yards and three touchdowns — two to Anquan Boldin and one to Larry Fitzgerald — as Arizona rebounded from last week's last-second loss at Tennessee.

"It's a middle-of-the-season game and

it doesn't have a lot of bearing in the big picture, but it gives you confidence moving forward to think that we can play with anybody," said Warner, who was walking gingerly after taking a shot to the hip on his last play. "We can play with the big dogs. The key for us is to show up like that every week."

Favre set an NFL record for consecutive appearances, but game No. 283 in a row was no night to remember for him or the rest of the Vikings (10-2). Favre, with just three interceptions in the first 11 games, was picked off twice and sacked three times.

"I made some decisions that I haven't made up to this point," he said, "and I'm disappointed about it."

Even more startling, Arizona (8-4) held Adrian Peterson to a season-low 19 yards in 13 carries and outrushed Minnesota 113-62.

"We didn't have 'it' tonight," Vikings coach Brad Childress said.

The victory, coupled with San Francisco's loss at Seattle, gives Arizona a three-game lead in the NFC West. The Cardinals can clinch the division title with a victory at San Francisco a week from Monday night.

Minnesota is 2½ games up on Green Bay in the NFC North. The Packers, who have lost twice to the Vikings, were at home against Baltimore on Monday night.

Favre had two touchdown passes, but the second, a 31-yarder to Percy Harvin, came with 1:20 to go and the game out of reach. Favre was 30-of-45 for 275 yards.

"I'm pretty sure everybody is going to talk about what Brett Favre did wrong," Dockett said, "how Brett did this wrong and that wrong, but not talk about how our defense stood up today. We're going to stay humble, though, because we are going to play that team again."

Things got worse for the Vikings when linebacker E.J. Henderson broke his leg late in the game. Childress said the injury would require surgery.

Warner, rarely under pressure, was 22-of-32 with no interceptions and no sacks. Fitzgerald caught eight passes for 143 yards, Boldin seven for 98.

A year ago, Peterson had 165 yards on the same field as Minnesota routed Arizona 35-14.

This Vikings team, with the addition of Favre and big-play rookie Harvin, has overwhelmed opponents with a more bal-

anced offense and a tough defense. Minnesota had outscored its previous three opponents 98-29.

Warner threw for 200 yards in the first half as the Cardinals took a 21-10 lead at the break, then the defense took over.

Karlos Dansby and Michael Adams each intercepted passes off Favre in the third quarter to set up field goals by Neil Rackers that put Arizona up 27-10. Favre had his first multiple interception game of the season.

Warner sat out last week's game with post-concussion symptoms, snapping a string of 41 straight starts, but he had practiced all week and said he was feeling much better. His game certainly didn't suffer.

"We had a really good talk last night at the hotel about some of the offensive package things we were going to do," Arizona coach Ken Whisenhunt said. "We felt that it was going to be good for us, and it was."

Minnesota failed to get pressure on Warner even though the Cardinals were without starting left tackle Mike Gandy, who was replaced by Jeremy Bridges. It snapped a string of 21 consecutive starts for Arizona's offensive line.

## American Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
New England	7	5	0	.583	328	224
Miami	6	6	0	.500	278	296
N.Y. Jets	6	6	0	.500	249	208
Buffalo	4	8	0	.333	199	261
<b>South</b>						
Indianapolis	12	0	0	1.000	331	201
Jacksonville	7	5	0	.583	225	273
Tennessee	5	7	0	.417	246	316
Houston	5	7	0	.417	277	266
<b>North</b>						
Cincinnati	9	3	0	.750	254	187
Baltimore	6	5	0	.545	257	188
Pittsburgh	6	6	0	.500	272	231
Cleveland	1	11	0	.083	145	309
<b>West</b>						
San Diego	9	3	0	.750	342	242
Denver	8	4	0	.667	240	202
Oakland	4	8	0	.333	142	282
Kansas City	3	9	0	.250	196	326

## National Conference

	W	L	T	Pct	PF	PA
Dallas	8	4	0	.667	279	213
Philadelphia	8	4	0	.667	327	235
N.Y. Giants	7	5	0	.583	303	285
Washington	3	9	0	.250	200	238
<b>South</b>						
New Orleans	12	0	0	1.000	440	251
Atlanta	6	6	0	.500	279	279
Carolina	5	7	0	.417	215	262
Tampa Bay	1	11	0	.083	187	330
<b>North</b>						
Minnesota	10	2	0	.833	359	233
Green Bay	7	4	0	.636	296	215
Chicago	5	7	0	.417	233	270
Detroit	2	10	0	.167	206	358
<b>West</b>						
Arizona	8	4	0	.667	297	234
San Francisco	5	7	0	.417	245	233
Seattle	5	7	0	.417	243	267
St. Louis	1	11	0	.083	139	314

x-clinched division

Thursday's games

N.Y. Jets 19, Buffalo 13

Sunday's games

Chicago 17, St. Louis 9  
Oakland 27, Pittsburgh 24  
Denver 44, Kansas City 13  
Philadelphia 34, Atlanta 7  
Cincinnati 23, Detroit 13  
Miami 22, New England 21  
New Orleans 33, Washington 30, OT  
Indianapolis 27, Tennessee 17  
Carolina 16, Tampa Bay 6  
Jacksonville 23, Houston 18  
San Diego 30, Cleveland 23  
N.Y. Giants 31, Dallas 24  
Seattle 20, San Francisco 17  
Arizona 30, Minnesota 17

Monday's game

Baltimore at Green Bay

Thursday, Dec. 10

Pittsburgh at Cleveland

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Seattle at Houston

Green Bay at Chicago

Detroit at Baltimore

New Orleans at Atlanta

Buffalo at Kansas City

Denver at Indianapolis

Carolina at New England

N.Y. Jets at Tampa Bay

Miami at Jacksonville

Cincinnati at Minnesota

St. Louis at Tennessee

Washington at Oakland

San Diego at Dallas

Philadelphia at N.Y. Giants

Monday, Dec. 14

Arizona at San Francisco

# Long plays lift Giants over Cowboys

By BARRY WILNER  
The Associated Press

EAST RUTHERFORD, N.J. — Brandon Jacobs' sensational touchdown left nearly everyone in the stadium breathless. Except the New York Giants' bruising running back, that is.

Displaying his speed and versatility, Jacobs galloped 74 yards for the go-ahead touchdown in New York's 31-24 victory over Dallas on Sunday that scrambled the NFC East standings. The longest play of his five NFL seasons also was the most satisfying.

"When you're running that route, you don't see that much," Jacobs said. "As soon as I turned, I caught the ball, and I never looked back as I headed upfield."

"I was looking to get 15 to 20 yards. I had no idea I would go the distance."

Was he winded by the end? "I was good," he said, "able to celebrate and talk trash."

A lot of talking goes on when these intense division rivals meet. Jacobs knew full well it was the first time in his career the Giants swept the Cowboys during the regular season.

"It's the biggest play of my career," he said. "It's extra special against Dallas. That's absolutely a team I can't stand. I've been hating Dallas ever since I knew anything about football."

The thing to know about football in the NFC East is that it's a three-team race with a month to go. Dallas is 8-4, tied with Philadelphia at the top. New York is 7-5.

Next week, the Giants host the Eagles, who already have a head-to-head victory over New York. Dallas has a victory over Philly.



KATHY WILLENS/AP

**New York Giants receiver Derek Hagan (80) celebrates as receiver Domenik Hixon, right, completes a 79-yard punt return for a TD in the fourth quarter Sunday at Giants Stadium in East Rutherford, N.J.**

"It's good to see that when you put some pressure on us and we needed to get something going, we were able to come out and do some things and win the game," quarterback Eli Manning said.

For Dallas, the questions about folding in December will be raised again. Quarterback Tony Romo is 5-9 in the month, and even a career-high in passing yardage couldn't prevent another defeat.

New York won despite huge stats

for Dallas tight end Jason Witten, wide receivers Roy Williams and Miles Austin, and Romo. Witten included his 500th career catch among a career-best 14 receptions for 156 yards. Romo went 41-of-55 for 392 yards, a career high, and three TDs, two to Roy Williams. Austin had 10 catches for 104 yards and one touchdown.

"We've got to challenge ourselves and find a way to play," Witten said. "We have to get back to it and forget all this December

stuff. I'm not trying to avoid it or say it's not true. We've got to put it away. You let another one slip and you're really in trouble."

Jacobs' touchdown was the Giants' longest play of the season — for about 14 minutes. Then Domenik Hixon broke a 79-yard punt return.

Hixon clinched the victory as he ran into a pile, got free, cut right and down the sideline behind a stream of solid blocks.

"It's a credit to the 10 guys up front," Hixon said. "They knew we were close, and today we finally broke it."

"Every time I get on the field, I have the mindset of taking it all the way."

Dallas led 17-14 after Williams' second TD reception, a 5-yarder off superb play-action by Romo. New York answered with Jacobs and, following Nick Folk's miss of a 42-yard field goal in the fourth quarter, Lawrence Tynes' 23-yard kick for a 24-17 lead.

And then Hixon finished off the Cowboys — even though Dallas had the ball for nearly 39 minutes. The Giants' ability to grab big chunks of yards and quick points was decisive.

"We gave up big plays we don't normally give up," coach Wade Phillips said. "They didn't complete that many passes, but the ones they did were big plays for them."

The Cowboys dominated possession in the first half, if not the scoreboard. They grabbed a 10-0 lead on Folk's 34-yard field goal and Williams' 4-yard TD reception that was set up by two fumbles.



NFL scoreboard

Sunday									
Dolphins 22, Patriots 21									
New England 7 7 7 0-21									
Miami 0 10 9 3-22									
First Quarter									
NE—Moss 58 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 11:38.									
Second Quarter									
NE—Faulk 6 run (Gostkowski kick), 14:56.									
Mia—Bess 13 pass from Henne (Carpen-ter kick), 3:18.									
Mia—FG Carpenter 29, :01.									
Third Quarter									
NE—Aiken 81 pass from Brady (Gostkowski kick), 12:02.									
Mia—FG Carpenter 24, 10:00.									
Mia—B.Hartline 7 pass from Henne (pass failed), 3:18.									
Fourth Quarter									
Mia—FG Carpenter 41, 1:02.									
A—70,102.									

First downs	NE	Mia
Total Net Yards	448	24
Rushes-yards	25-96	27-88
Passing	352	328
Punt Returns	3-29	3-29
Kickoff Returns	5-99	4-107
Interceptions Ret.	1-19	2-2
Comp-Att-Int	19-29-2	29-52-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	0-0	1-7
Punts	5-50.0	4-47.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-0
Penalties-Yards	6-82	2-10
Time of Possession	27:23	32:37

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—New England,** Maroney 13-40, Morris 9-40, Faulk 3-15, Williams 18-75, Hilliard 5-12, Polite 1-2, White 2-0, Henne 1-(minus 1).  
**Passing—New England,** Brady 19-29-2-352, Miami, Henne 29-52-1-335.  
**Receiving—New England,** Welker 10-167, Moss 2-66, Morris 2-25, Faulk 2-(minus 1), Aiken 1-81, Maroney 1-8, Baker 1-6, Miami, Bess 10-117, Fasano 5-67, Camarillo 4-61, B.Hartline 4-1, Ginn Jr. 2-34, Williams 2-6, Hilliard 1-8, Polite 1-1.

Bengals 23, Lions 13									
Detroit 7 0 0 6-13									
Cincinnati 0 17 3 3-23									
First Quarter									
Det—C.Johnson 54 pass from Stafford (Hanson kick), 3:27.									
Second Quarter									
Cin—Fanene 45 interception return (Graham kick), 11:50.									
Cin—Ochoincio 36 pass from C.Palmer (Graham kick), 5:55.									
Third Quarter									
Cin—FG Graham 44, :09.									
Cin—FG Graham 39, 8:03.									
Fourth Quarter									
Cin—FG Graham 23, 8:11.									
Det—K.Smith 2 run (pass failed), 1:36.									
A—62,545.									

First downs	Det	Cin
Total Net Yards	245	321
Rushes-yards	20-80	44-119
Passing	165	202
Punt Returns	2-21	3-54
Kickoff Returns	6-128	3-51
Interceptions Ret.	2-3	2-47
Comp-Att-Int	13-29-2	17-29-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-27	2-18
Punts	6-47.7	4-44.0
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	1-1
Penalties-Yards	7-45	9-75
Time of Possession	21:12	38:48

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—Detroit,** K.Smith 16-75, Culpepper 1-7, Stafford 3-(minus 2). **Cincinnati,** Benson 36-110, C.Palmer 5-7, L.Johnson 2-4, Cosby 1-(minus 2).  
**Passing—Detroit,** Stafford 11-26-2-143, Culpepper 2-3-0-49. **Cincinnati,** C.Palmer 17-29-2-220.  
**Receiving—Detroit,** C.Johnson 6-123, Smith 2-29, Heller 1-11, Morris 1-11, FitzSimmons 1-9, B.Johnson 1-5, Northcutt 1-4. **Cincinnati,** Ochoincio 9-137, Coles 2-25, Leonard 2-25, Benson 2-15, Foschi 1-16, L.Johnson 1-2.

**Missed field goals—Detroit,** Hanson 55.

Colts 27, Titans 17									
Tennessee 3 7 0 7-17									
Indianapolis 7 17 0 3-27									
First Quarter									
Ten—Addai 8 run (Stover kick), 13:02.									
Ten—FG Bironas 53, 6:34.									
Second Quarter									
Ind—Addai 1 run (Stover kick), 11:42.									
Ind—Collie 4 pass from Manning (Stover kick), 1:55.									
Ten—Britt 6 pass from Young (Bironas kick), :20.									
Ind—FG Stover 43, :00.									
Fourth Quarter									
Ind—FG Stover 36, 3:14.									
Ten—Scaife 17 pass from Young (Bironas kick), 1:23.									
A—66,321.									

First downs	Ten	Ind
Total Net Yards	27	23
Rushes-yards	33-142	27-88
Passing	233	270
Punt Returns	2-9	0-0
Kickoff Returns	5-175	3-68
Interceptions Ret.	1-10	1-10
Comp-Att-Int	24-43-1	24-37-0
Sacked-Yards Lost	1-8	0-0
Punts	2-39.0	3-39.0
Fumbles-Lost	3-1	0-0
Penalties-Yards	4-50	5-40
Time of Possession	32:59	27:01

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—Tennessee,** Johnson 27-113, Young 4-16, White 2-13. **Indianapolis,** Addai 21-79, Hart 4-11, Manning 2-(minus 2).  
**Passing—Tennessee,** Young 24-43-1-241. **Indianapolis,** Manning 24-37-0-270.  
**Receiving—Tennessee,** Johnson 6-28, Schaub 5-56, Washington 4-44, Britt 4-46, Hawkins 2-34, Hall 2-19, Crumpler 2-14. **Indianapolis,** Garcon 6-136, Wayne 4-48, Collie 4-18, Clark 3-25, Addai 3-17, Hart 2-27, Simpson 2-(minus 1).  
**Missed field goals—Indianapolis,** Stover 52 (WR).

Raiders 27, Steelers 24									
Oakland 3 3 0 21-27									
Pittsburgh 3 7 0 14-24									
First Quarter									
Pit—FG Reed 33, 13:34.									
Oak—FG Janikowski 48, 8:36.									
Second Quarter									
Pit—Holmes 34 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 13:49.									
Oak—FG Janikowski 43, 8:17.									
Fourth Quarter									
Oak—Schilens 17 pass from Gradkowski (Janikowski kick), 8:21.									
Pit—Mendenhall 3 run (Reed kick), 7:13.									
Oak—Murphy 75 pass from Gradkowski (Janikowski kick), 5:28.									
Pit—Ward 11 pass from Roethlisberger (Reed kick), 1:56.									
Oak—Murphy 11 pass from Gradkowski (Janikowski kick), :09.									
A—61,820.									

First downs	Oak	Pit
Total Net Yards	396	401
Rushes-yards	28-109	27-132
Passing	287	269
Punt Returns	0-0	1-(1-1)
Kickoff Returns	5-80	5-148
Interceptions Ret.	1-0	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	20-34-0	18-24-1
Sacked-Yards Lost	3-21	1-9
Punts	6-46.8	3-43.3
Fumbles-Lost	1-0	1-0
Penalties-Yards	9-70	4-41
Time of Possession	32:49	27:11

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—Oakland,** Fargas 15-63, McFadden 9-25, Gradkowski 3-20, Bush 1-1. **Pittsburgh,** Mendenhall 3-20, Parker 3-15, Roethlisberger 3-7, Moore 1-3.  
**Passing—Oakland,** Gradkowski 20-33-0-308, Bush 0-1-0-0. **Pittsburgh,** Roethlisberger 18-24-1-278.  
**Receiving—Oakland,** Murphy 4-128, Higgins 4-63, Z.Miller 4-43, Schilens 3-45, Fargas 2-13, Stewart 2-4, Watkins 1-12. **Pittsburgh,** Holmes 8-149, Ward 6-77, Wallace 2-19, Miller 1-27, Moore 1-6.  
**Missed field goals—Pittsburgh,** Reed 53 (WL).

Eagles 34, Falcons 7									
Philadelphia 10 3 14 7-34									
Atlanta 0 0 0 7-7									
First Quarter									
Phi—FG Akers 33, 9:33.									
Phi—Weaver 4 pass from McNabb (Akers kick), 8:28.									
Second Quarter									
Phi—FG Akers 33, 8:10.									
Third Quarter									
Phi—Vick 5 run (Akers kick), 8:08.									
Phi—S.Brown 83 interception return (Akers kick), 3:39.									
Fourth Quarter									
Phi—Celek 5 pass from Vick (Akers kick), 12:31.									
Atl—White 3 pass from Redman (Bryant kick), :00.									
A—69,560.									

First downs	Phi	Atl
Total Net Yards	20	22
Rushes-yards	26-103	22-61
Passing	277	234
Punt Returns	3-34	2-20
Kickoff Returns	0-0	6-157
Interceptions Ret.	2-120	0-0
Comp-Att-Int	16-27-0	23-44-2
Sacked-Yards Lost	2-9	2-1
Punts	3-44.7	6-43.8
Fumbles-Lost	0-0	2-1
Penalties-Yards	8-62	6-30
Time of Possession	29:11	30:49

**INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS**  
**Rushing—Philadelphia,** Weaver 5-37, Buckley 8-33, Vick 4-17, McNabb 2-17, McCoy 6-2, R.Brown 1-(minus 3). **Atlanta,** Snelling 10-35, Norwood 11-18, Weems 1-8.  
**Passing—Philadelphia,** McNabb 14-25-0-238, Vick 2-2-0-48. **Atlanta,** Redman 23-44-2-235.  
**Receiving—Philadelphia,** Maclin 4-83, Avant 3-36, McCoy 3-24, R.Brown 2-64, Weaver 2-63, Celek 2-16. **Atlanta,** White 9-104, Gonzalez 8-72, Norwood 2-24, Snelling 2-17, Finerman 1-14, Booker 1-4.  
**Missed field goals—Philadelphia,** Akers 39 (WR).

**Panthers 16, Buccaneers 6**

<b>Tampa Bay</b>	0	6	0	0-6
<b>Carolina</b>	10	0	3	3-16

**First Quarter**  
Car—Stewart 3 run (Kasay kick), 9:49.  
Car—FG Kasay 23, 4:14.

**Second Quarter**  
TB—FG Barth 21, 13:30.  
TB—FG Barth 46, 10:01.

**Third Quarter**  
Car—FG Kasay 40, 6:14.

**Fourth Quarter**  
Car—FG Kasay 23, 7:12.  
A—72,455.



## COLLEGE FOOTBALL: BOWL LINEUP

## BCS matchups

## It's 'Bama vs. Texas in title game

By EDDIE PELLIS  
The Associated Press

There were five undefeated teams and only two spots in the title game.

Alabama and Texas came out winners in that bit of BCS math, while TCU, Cincinnati and Boise State were left with nice consolation prizes.

The imperfect method of choosing a national champion paired top-ranked Alabama against No. 2 Texas in the BCS title game — a Jan. 7 meeting that will bring together Heisman Trophy hopefuls Colt McCoy of the Longhorns and Mark Ingram of the Crimson Tide.

And, of course, Sunday's bowl bids also produced plenty of fodder for second-guessing.

No. 3 TCU, No. 4 Cincinnati and No. 6 Boise State also finished undefeated. All three were included in the BCS, but none will play for the championship — a predictable result that will renew the annual debate about college football's way of determining the best team in the land.

"We absolutely recognize that there were five undefeated teams that had very good seasons, and the fact is, only two could play in the game," BCS executive director Bill Hancock said.

Seeking its first national title since 1992, Alabama opens as a three-point favorite for the game at the Rose Bowl in Pasadena, Calif. That's the place where Vince Young almost single-handedly led Texas to a victory over Southern California in 2006 to claim the national title.

The other BCS matchups: Oregon against Ohio State in the Rose Bowl; Iowa against Georgia Tech in the Orange; Florida against Cincinnati in the Sugar and TCU against Boise State in the Fiesta.

The TCU-Boise State game also will pit a pair of undefeateds against each other — two teams from small conferences that don't always get automatic spots in the BCS. This is the first time in BCS history that two of the small schools have been selected. Both should be expected to use the title-game snub as motivation.

"We're here to prove a point," TCU coach Gary Patterson said. "I voted for us No. 2 in polls today when we voted. We believe we have a great football team and we're out to show we could be the No. 1 team in the nation."

The Longhorns (13-0) have been on both



JOHN AMIS, LEFT, AND TONY GUTIERREZ/AP

**Left:** Alabama defensive back Rod Woodson (18), linebacker Jonathan Atchison, center, and defensive lineman Darrington Sentimore (94) celebrate Saturday's 32-13 victory over top-ranked Florida in the SEC championship game in Atlanta. **Right:** Texas quarterback Colt McCoy holds up the Big 12 championship trophy after Saturday's 13-12 victory over Nebraska in Arlington, Texas. Alabama and Texas will meet Jan. 7 for the BCS championship.

sides of the BCS debate.

Just last year, their chances for a national title were squashed when they lost a three-way tiebreaker for the Big 12 South title.

This time, Texas defeated Nebraska 13-12 in the Big 12 title game to secure its spot in the national championship, though the less-than-dominating performance certainly left things open for debate.

Still, there was a big gap between Texas and TCU in the BCS rankings, the coaches' poll and The Associated Press poll, which is not included in the BCS formula. The AP awards its own national championship.

Alabama, meanwhile, got 113 yards rushing and three touchdowns from Ingram to defeat Florida 32-13 in the SEC championship game, an overwhelming victory over the defending national champion that made the Tide (13-0) an easy choice for No. 1.

But is anything really clear-cut when it comes to the BCS?

"The system put us in the game," Texas coach Mack Brown said. "We were told for the last three weeks if we won, we'd be in the game. We did that."

Not by much, though.

It took a 46-yard field goal from Hunter Lawrence with no time left to lift the Longhorns to the victory over Nebraska. Now it's Brown, formerly known for not being able to parlay all that Texas talent into a national title, who's a victory away from taking his second in five years.

Alabama, meanwhile, is in the midst of a resurgence brought about by Nick Saban, who three years ago took over a program in turmoil and now has the faithful believing again.

"There's so much tradition and so much passion," Saban said. "There are great expectations for what people like to accomplish around here, and it's a feeling of tremendous self-gratification for everyone involved in the program."

## Roundup

## Ole Miss, Oklahoma St. open new Cotton Bowl

The Associated Press

The first Cotton Bowl in its new \$1.2 billion home will match a couple of former Oklahoma State Cowboys quarterbacks turned coaches.

Mississippi and coach Houston Nutt will face No. 21 Oklahoma State and coach Mike Gundy on Jan. 2 in the first Cotton Bowl at Cowboys Stadium in Arlington, Texas.

After playing quarterback for Jimmy Johnson in Stillwater, Okla., Nutt also was a wide receivers coach for the Cowboys when Gundy was the QB.

"My first memory of Mike Gundy was right in the very first two-a-days we noticed a guy who

was pretty confident stepping into that huddle," Nutt said. "Once he got a chance as a true freshman — he took over about midway through — we knew we wanted one person in that huddle and it was Mike Gundy."

Among the other games with marquee matchups are the Capital One Bowl in Orlando, Fla., which will pit No. 13 LSU against No. 11 Penn State.

The Chick-fil-A Bowl in Atlanta on New Year's Eve matches No. 12 Virginia Tech and Tennessee, returning to the postseason in Lane Kiffin's first season as coach.

Florida State's Bobby Bowden will coach his final game before retirement at the Gator Bowl, facing West Virginia, the school

he led before taking over the Seminoles.

The Holiday Bowl in San Diego on Dec. 30 matches Nebraska, which came up just short in its bid to upset Texas in the Big 12 title game, against Arizona.

For the first time since 2001, Southern California will not finish its season in the BCS. USC (8-4) after losing its regular-season finale to Arizona, will head north to San Francisco to take on Boston College in the Emerald Bowl on Dec. 26.

**Sun Bowl:** Stanford (8-4) will be making its first bowl appearance in eight years at the Sun Bowl against Oklahoma (7-5).

**EagleBank Bowl:** Temple (9-3) will play either Army (5-6) or

UCLA (6-6) in the EagleBank Bowl on Dec. 29 at RFK Stadium in the nation's capital.

Temple's opponent is contingent on the outcome of the Army-Navy game to be played Saturday in Philadelphia. If Army beats Navy, the Cadets will play in their first bowl game since 1996. If Army loses, Temple will play UCLA.

**Poinsettia Bowl:** Utah (9-3) will try to extend its bowl winning streak to eight consecutive games against California (8-4) on Dec. 23 at Qualcomm Stadium in San Diego.

**Las Vegas Bowl:** BYU (10-2) is headed for the Las Vegas Bowl for the fifth straight year, this time to face Oregon State (8-4).

## Schedule

**Saturday, Dec. 19**  
**New Mexico Bowl**  
At Albuquerque  
Wyoming (6-6) vs. Fresno State (8-4)

**St. Petersburg (Fla.) Bowl**  
Rutgers (8-4) vs. Central Florida (8-4)

**Sunday, Dec. 20**  
**New Orleans Bowl**  
Southern Mississippi (7-5) vs. Middle Tennessee (9-3)

**Tuesday, Dec. 22**  
**Las Vegas Bowl**  
BYU (10-2) vs. Oregon State (8-4)

**Wednesday, Dec. 23**  
**Poinsettia Bowl**  
At San Diego  
Utah (9-3) vs. California (8-4)

**Thursday, Dec. 24**  
**Hawaii Bowl**  
At Honolulu  
SMU (7-5) vs. Nevada (8-4)

**Saturday, Dec. 26**  
**Little Caesars Pizza Bowl**  
At Detroit  
Ohio (9-4) vs. Marshall (6-6)

**Meineke Bowl**  
At Charlotte, N.C.  
North Carolina (8-4) vs. Pittsburgh (9-3)

**Emerald Bowl**  
At San Francisco  
Southern California (8-4) vs. Boston College (8-4)

**Sunday, Dec. 27**  
**Music City Bowl**  
At Nashville, Tenn.  
Clemson (8-5) vs. Kentucky (7-5)

**Monday, Dec. 28**  
**Independence Bowl**  
At Shreveport, La.  
Texas A&M (6-6) vs. Georgia (7-5)

**Tuesday, Dec. 29**  
**EagleBank Bowl**  
At Washington  
Temple (9-3) vs. UCLA (6-6)/Army (5-6)

**Champs Sports Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Miami (9-3) vs. Wisconsin (9-3)

**Wednesday, Dec. 30**  
**Humanitarian Bowl**  
At Boise, Idaho  
Bowling Green (7-5) vs. Idaho (7-5)

**Holiday Bowl**  
At San Diego  
Nebraska (9-4) vs. Arizona (8-4)

**Thursday, Dec. 31**  
**Sun Bowl**  
At El Paso, Texas  
Stanford (8-4) vs. Oklahoma (7-5)

**Armed Forces Bowl**  
At Fort Worth, Texas  
Air Force (7-5) vs. Houston (10-3)

**Texas Bowl**  
At Houston  
Missouri (8-4) vs. Navy (8-4)

**Insight Bowl**  
At Tempe, Ariz.  
Minnesota (6-6) vs. Iowa State (6-6)

**Chick-fil-A Bowl**  
At Atlanta  
Virginia Tech (7-5) vs. Tennessee (9-3)

**Friday, Jan. 1**  
**Outback Bowl**  
At Tampa, Fla.  
Northwestern (8-4) vs. Auburn (7-5)

**Capital One Bowl**  
At Orlando, Fla.  
Penn State (10-2) vs. LSU (9-3)

**Gator Bowl**  
At Jacksonville, Fla.  
Florida State (6-6) vs. West Virginia (9-3)

**Rose Bowl**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Ohio State (10-2) vs. Oregon (10-2)

**Sugar Bowl**  
At New Orleans  
Florida (12-1) vs. Cincinnati (12-0)

**Saturday, Jan. 2**  
**International Bowl**  
At Toronto  
South Florida (7-5) vs. Northern Illinois (7-5)

**Cotton Bowl**  
At Dallas  
Oklahoma State (9-3) vs. Mississippi (8-4)

**PapaJohns.com Bowl**  
At Birmingham, Ala.  
Connecticut (7-5) vs. South Carolina (7-5)

**Liberty Bowl**  
At Memphis, Tenn.  
East Carolina (9-4) vs. Arkansas (7-5)

**Alamo Bowl**  
At San Antonio  
Michigan State (6-6) vs. Texas Tech (8-4)

**Monday, Jan. 4**  
**Fiesta Bowl**  
At Glendale, Ariz.  
Boise State (13-0) vs. TCU (12-0)

**Tuesday, Jan. 5**  
**Orange Bowl**  
At Miami  
Iowa (10-2) vs. Georgia Tech (11-2)

**Wednesday, Jan. 6**  
**GMAC Bowl**  
Mobile, Ala.  
Central Michigan (11-2) vs. Troy (9-3)

**Thursday, Jan. 7**  
**BCS National Championship**  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
Alabama (13-0) vs. Texas (13-0)





KEITH SRAKOCIC/AP

Cincinnati quarterback Tony Pike led one of the country's best offenses to a Sugar Bowl berth.

## Bids: Fiesta takes two undefeateds

### BIDS, FROM BACK PAGE

**A:** The Horned Frogs spent the second half of their season pummeling the opposition. TCU won its last six games by an average of 32 points, including routs of Utah and BYU. The Frogs look like a team that can compete with any opponent.

**Q:** What is Cincinnati's best argument for being in the championship game?

**A:** The Big East's relative strength compared to the Big 12. That, combined with the Bearcats' victory at Oregon State and one of the best offenses in the country.

**Q:** What is Boise State's best argument for being in the championship game?

**A:** The Broncos don't have a case. Since beating Oregon they have spent the rest of the season

playing teams that range from slightly above-average (Fresno State and Nevada) to terrible (San Jose State, Hawaii, Utah State and Tulsa), with more terrible opponents than slightly above-average ones.

**Q:** Wasn't Boise State supposed to get shut out of the BCS once TCU earned an automatic bid?

**A:** Only one team from a conference without an automatic bid can earn an automatic bid by finishing in the top 12 of the final BCS standings. TCU locked that up. Conventional wisdom was the Broncos would get shut out like last year because the bowls aren't thrilled about inviting teams from those leagues — not big enough fan bases and not interesting enough to casual fans. But as marquee teams such as USC, Notre Dame and Miami accumulated losses, the Broncos became

the only viable option.

**Q:** Why did the Fiesta Bowl pair TCU and Boise State, two BCS busters?

**A:** Because the other alternative was Iowa against one of the two undefeated so-called outsiders, which is not much of an alternative. Now the Fiesta Bowl can tout a game matching two undefeated teams, something no BCS game other than the national title tilt has ever been able to do.

"We see it as taking a large chunk out of the glass ceiling," Fiesta Bowl president John Junker said.

**Q:** Aside from the championship game, which BCS game is a must-watch?

**A:** Hard to pass up Tim Tebow's last college game. He should go out with a big performance against Cincinnati's porous defense in the Sugar Bowl.

### BCS Commentary

# Only consensus: Get everyone mad

BY JIM LITKE  
The Associated Press

**T**he Bowl Championship Series matchups are set and no matter how they play out, a postseason that begins with five unbeaten teams is guaranteed to end with more than one having a legitimate claim to the increasingly mythical national championship.

So here's a suggestion for those without a dog in any of those fights: Root for Texas congressman Joe Barton instead.

As a rule, fans should oppose making a federal case out of any matter that can be decided on a playing field. But because the BCS effectively controls college football's postseason through its TV contracts, that won't happen until 2014. Unless, that is, Barton's version of an end-around — a bill called the College Football Playoff Act of 2009 currently winding its way through a House subcommittee — makes it onto President Barack Obama's desk.

"The president has told me directly that he'll sign the bill," Barton, a Republican, said in a recent interview.

The measure would require the BCS to conduct a playoff, or else drop the word "championship" from its title to avoid violating truth-in-advertising statutes governing interstate commerce.

It's a longshot, to be sure. But Barton is convinced he'll have enough votes to get the bill out of committee and the full House, and into the Senate where Utah Republican Orrin Hatch, one of several senators sympathetic to the idea of a playoff, will pick up the ball.

"It will happen," Barton predicted one more time, "the pressure is building."

But he wasn't above offering the BCS a face-saving compromise first.

"Just drop the word 'championship' and call it the 'Big-Time College Football Series,' or the 'Dollar Maximization Series.' Because the way it is now," Barton added, "you're not telling the truth about what you are."

The BCS has had a problem with credibility since its inception as the Bowl Coalition nearly two decades ago. Its latest campaign to convince a skeptical public was a charm offensive built around a Facebook page and Twitter account. Fans bombarded both with scorn, but that hasn't stopped the BCS from trotting out the same talking points provided by a high-priced public-relations firm barely a month ago.

"We do feel like it's working and college football is thriving," new BCS executive director Bill Hancock said during a conference call with reporters Sunday night to discuss the bowl matchups. "We recognize there are elements in each constituency that don't like it, but the fact is, it has a consen-

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R-Texas

sus. The critics, the playoff proponents, do not have a consensus."

The fact is the BCS doesn't have a "consensus," unless what Hancock meant is that nine out of 10 fans and an overwhelming majority of coaches and players oppose the way the organization goes about crowning a national champion. Playoff proponents would coalesce around a scheme that involves as few as two teams or as many as 16 and incorporates the current bowl system.

"Start with 16 teams and eight bowls and do it that way, or go whole hog and include every bowl, or at least the 32 bowls that are out there," Barton said. "I don't care. ..."

"They claim they're about picking a national champion legitimately on the football field, and that's flat disingenuous," he added. "They're about maximizing revenue."

Not exactly, since a playoff, by some estimates, would make more money. What the BCS is really about is controlling how the money is divvied up. When a team from one of the six major conferences whose commissioners rule the BCS appear in one of the big bowls, they split the purse with the teams in their league. When one of the teams from the five smaller conferences makes into a big bowl, the purse is split with members of all five leagues.

"This should not be a political issue and yet, the only time that we've seen change is because there's been threat of political intervention," said Western Athletic Conference commissioner Karl Benson. "It's not that the underrepresented conferences ... haven't suggested change in the past. There just hasn't been any leverage or any power within the system for us to mandate change."

But the threat of lawsuits forced the BCS to open the system up to those smaller conferences, which made it possible for TCU and Boise State to face each other in the Fiesta Bowl. Unfortunately, no matter which of the two undefeated teams wins, their claim to the championship will be no more than a faint echo in the clamor surrounding the Texas-Alabama winner.

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COLLEGE FOOTBALL: BCS ANALYSIS

# Lingering questions

## BCS matchups are set, but debate continues

By RALPH D. RUSSO  
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Should Texas be in the championship game? What was the case for TCU or Cincinnati to join Alabama in Pasadena, Calif., on Jan. 7? And wasn't Boise State supposed to get left out of the mix? The BCS often creates more questions than answers, so let's try to clear up a few mysteries.

**Q: Why does Texas deserve to be in the championship game ahead of TCU, Cincinnati and Boise State?**

**A:** Texas started the season ranked No. 2 and never slipped below No. 3 in the polls. Critics will note that, as the season progressed, the Longhorns' résumé took some hits because the Big 12 wasn't as good this season as last. Texas has two victories against teams currently ranked in the Top 25 of the BCS standings or AP poll. TCU has two. Cincinnati has three. Boise State? Just one.

Texas played a soft nonconference slate, its best victory coming over UCF. TCU won at Clemson. Cincinnati won at Oregon State. Boise State beat Oregon.

But despite all that, Texas still played a substantially tougher overall schedule than any of the other three, according to both the NCAA's rating and the Sagarin computer rating. And while the Big 12 was down, it still rated much better than either the Mountain West Conference (where TCU plays) and Western Athletic Conference (Boise State's league) in the Sagarin ratings. The Big 12 did trail the Big East.

There's no doubt the Longhorns' pedigree and starting position helped them win this race, but they still have the best case for being No. 2.

**Q: Should we be questioning Alabama's worthiness, too?**

**A:** No. The Crimson Tide's résumé is impeccable. Alabama had three victories against currently ranked teams (Virginia Tech, LSU and Florida). Its schedule was rated fourth-toughest in the nation by the NCAA and 20th-toughest by Sagarin, tops by far

**BCS bowl bids**

**BCS National Championship**  
Thursday, Jan. 7  
At Pasadena, Calif.  
No. 1 Alabama (13-0)  
vs. No. 2 Texas (13-0)

**Rose Bowl**  
Friday Jan. 1  
at Pasadena, Calif.  
No. 7 Oregon (10-2)  
vs. No. 8 Ohio State (10-2)

**Sugar Bowl**  
Friday, Jan. 1  
At New Orleans  
No. 3 Cincinnati (12-0)  
vs. No. 5 Florida (12-1)

**Fiesta Bowl**  
Monday, Jan. 4  
At Glendale, Ariz.  
No. 4 TCU (12-0)  
vs. No. 6 Boise State (13-0)

**Orange Bowl**  
Tuesday, Jan. 5  
At Miami  
No. 10 Iowa (10-2)  
vs. No. 9 Georgia Tech (11-2)

among the unbeaten. The Southeastern Conference was the No. 1-rated conference by Sagarin, and anyone who watched Alabama dismantle the Gators saw a team that should be playing for a national championship.

**Q: What is TCU's best argument for being in the championship game?**

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**Clockwise from top:** The BCS gave Alabama coach Nick Saban and its tough SEC schedule a thumbs-up; Texas and quarterback Colt McCoy made the best case for the No. 2 spot in the national championship game; Cincinnati wide receiver Armon Binns was part of one the best offenses in the country; Doug Martin (22) and undefeated Boise State earned a spot in the Fiesta Bowl; TCU, led by coach Gary Patterson, looks like it could compete with anyone.

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